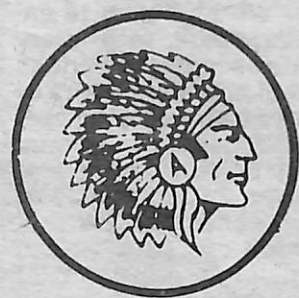


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A Surprise From "Surprise!"... Supporting Larson Foundation...



BOB MCELLIGOTT (right), owner of Surprise! Card & Gift Shop in the Southgate Plaza, presents a check for \$3,600 to Major Richard L. Bosh, the Hampden County Coordinator for the Salvation Army. The generous donation was the result of the shop's sale of the ever-popular Beanie Babies. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE ANNUAL "Wing Eating Contest" at E.B.'s Specialty Chicken Restaurant last month, a raffle was conducted to raise funds for the Larson Foundation, an organization which provides support to the families of homicide victims. Manning the raffle booth were Lynne Ziegert, Ann Phillips, and Yoko Kato. (See related photos in "Social.") Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine

TO OUR READERS:

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During the month of July, we will be running many photos that the ever-busy Jack Devine took throughout June; therefore, if you know that Jack "caught" you with his camera last month, you'll be featured in our pages very soon!!!

Berkshire Power Saga Continues...

Council To Hire Own Attorney To Fight Tennessee Gas Plan

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

He declined their invitation to join, but the Mayor agreed the council will act on its own in an effort to intervene in a case pending before the state Department of Transportation and Energy (DTE), according to Council President Donald Rheault.

Rheault said the council would be represented at the DTE hearings by an independent attorney hired by the council and paid with funds from the town's professional consulting account. The council will need the Mayor's approval to tap into the \$10,000 appropriation earmarked for the council's use in the professional consulting account in the town budget.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said he does not believe it is right for the town to take an adver-

sarial legal position against a long-standing, existing business for following the law and for following a practice that has gone unchallenged by the town in the past.

"Twice before Tennessee Gas has filed for exemptions in Agawam without so much as an eyebrow being raised. And I venture to say if they weren't involved with Berkshire Power, Tennessee Gas would be filing now without any objections," Johnson said.

Johnson said the company is not looking to violate local zoning, rather it is following the provisions of the same law that allows the town to formulate a zoning code.

SEE TENNESSEE GAS PLAN - Page 2...

TENNESSEE GAS PLAN - from Page 1...

"If the council objects to the law that allows public service corporations to seek a statutory exemption, the place to fight is in the legislature, not at the DTE," Johnson said. "In my conversation with the council president, he couldn't identify any problem with what Tennessee Gas is proposing, only with the process they are following."

Johnson said he would be the first to object if there were any legitimate concerns about the project being proposed, which he believes will be a beneficial modernization of a facility that has been operating in town since 1951.

Rheault said he fully expects the council will be granted the right to become parties in the proceedings, with the right to cross examine witnesses and introduce evidence (when the DTE holds hearings on the request for exemption from local zoning filed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company). Intervenor also have the right to appeal a DTE decision to the state Supreme Judicial Court.

Rheault said the council's letter petitioning for the status to intervene as the protectors of the health, safety, and welfare of the community would be sent by overnight mail to ensure it would be received by the July 8th deadline set by the DTE hearing officer last week.

Johnson said he will be sending a letter to the DTE making it clear that the council, not the Mayor or the town, is seeking intervenor status.

Council Unanimous On Right To Intervene...

In an emergency resolution sponsored by Town Councilors Edward Caba and Dennis Perry at Monday night's meeting, Town Council voted unanimously to seek the right to intervene in the Tennessee Gas request for exemption from local zoning.

The vote was 9-0 in favor of asking the Mayor to join the council's effort to obtain the legal standing that will allow the town to participate in the DTE proceedings. Councilors George Bitzas and Jill Simpson were both out of town on vacation and unable to attend the meeting.

Perry said the resolution was intentionally worded to include the Mayor because "we wanted to show the DTE that the town as a whole is upset that Tennessee Gas is going over our laws for the sake of convenience, as they've stated."

Councilor Nancy Thompson asked that a letter petitioning for status on behalf of the council be sent directly to the DTE rather than relying on the resolution, which could become stalled in the Mayor's office for as long as 10 days and the

deadline for applications would have expired.

In a virtual repeat of last week's DTE public hearing, Town Councilors and opponents of the Berkshire Power Project criticized the method Tennessee Gas is using to get the necessary permission to demolish a dilapidated, unused building and replace it with a sound-insulated, structural steel building (rather than finding fault with the plan itself).

Council Vice-President Robert Magovern called the Tennessee Gas request for exemption from local zoning "a slap in the face to the town ... This has nothing to do with Berkshire Power. This has to do with our bylaws — our own dominion in the town. We will fight and block this on every shore we can."

Co-sponsor of the resolution seeking intervenor status, Councilor Edward Caba said, "It's high time we stood up and took rigid action against these sorts of things. It's high time we showed everyone involved we're not just a bunch of hicks."

Choosing The State Permitting Process...

Last week, Tennessee Gas representatives said the company routinely chooses to go through the state permitting process, rather than going through local town boards, as a business decision based on cost, convenience to the company, and the expectation of being held to standards that are consistent across the state.

The company wants to replace a building constructed of asbestos material with a structural steel, sound-insulated building to house a new gas compression unit necessary to supply natural gas to the Berkshire Power plant under construction on Moylan Lane. The new Tennessee Gas building would be basically the same size as the old building and would be constructed on the same foundation.

Johnson will approve the funding for an independent attorney as long as the council hires an attorney with hourly rates within the going market rate of \$100 to \$150 an hour, even though he does not believe the council's petition will be found to have any merit.

Depending on the attorney's fee, representation for the council at the DTE will likely cost a minimum of \$3,000 to \$5,000, with a potential price tag as high as \$7,000 to \$10,000 if the hearings drag on, Johnson said.

"I think it's a waste of time and money," Johnson said. "We discussed using the town's attorneys, whose hourly rates are \$75 per hour for trial work, but I've decided to let them hire their own attorney so they can't criticize the Law Department when their petition falls flat."

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given under General Laws Chapter 138, that Riverside Park Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Riverside Park, Jason Freeman, Manager, 1623 Main Street, Agawam, MA, is requesting an expansion of their Beer and Wine License to encompass the area of the Waterpark, with intentions of serving beer and wine based frozen drinks during the Waterpark's normal operating hours of 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; to serve beer and wine based frozen drinks after the Waterpark's normal operations (after 7:00 p.m.) for catered parties and special events; Licensed area to include food court, one portable cart and waiter/waitress services to seating areas by food court and pools. Public Hearing to be held on July 14, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1998 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of THE BROOKWAY CORPORATION, which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-44 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of a "Drive-thru" at the premises identified as: 163 SILVER STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman
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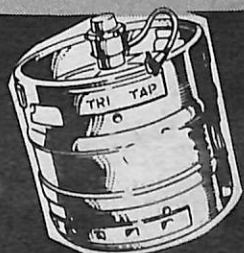
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Agawam School Nurses Thank Lions Club For Donation

To The Editor:

To The Lions Club Members:

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Each year, we are asked by your organization for our "wish list." Through your generosity, we have modern, efficient equipment with which to serve our school population. We truly appreciate your support and kindness.

Again, thank you. The Agawam Lions Club is the best!

Sincerely,
Hilda Bartnik, RN
Pamela Lynch, RN
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Operation Friendship Thanks The Public For Its Support

To The Editor:

To The Residents Of Agawam And Feeding Hills:

On behalf of Operation Friendship of America, Feeding Hills Chapter, I would like to express our appreciation for the generous support you have given us over the past year.

Your attendance at our monthly roast beef dinners, mystery dinners, cldies dances, etc., has helped us achieve our goal. With your assistance, we are able to send eight youths overseas on July 16th for three weeks: four to Lockerbie, Scotland, three to Northern Ireland, and one to the Netherlands.

Thank you again for your support of Operation Friendship.

Sincerely,
Candy Bates, Secretary
Operation Friendship

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Fire Safety & The Handicapped

Handicapped persons require separate fire safety precautions and plans tailored to their special needs.

Whether at home or at work, the handicapped person creates unique demands and knowledge. The handicapped person, in many cases, presents the same educational and safety demands as children or the elderly.

The Agawam Fire Department suggests that all handicapped persons be registered with the fire department to facilitate the necessary actions or precautions in the event of a fire. The handicapped person may require extra time to escape, call for help, or even be alerted to a fire or other emergency.

Handicapped persons should contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 to request a representative to help identify their special fire safety needs and to assist them. A specially tailored plan must be developed.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1998 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of ROGER S. GOSSELIN, who is seeking to extend a Special Use Permit (Case No. 1303) in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the continued operation of a machine shop at the premises identified as: 1040 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

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At The Monday, July 6th Meeting...

Council Approves Second Reading Of Adult Business Regulations

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

On Monday night, Town Council moved one step closer to adopting zoning regulations to control adult entertainment businesses by unanimously approving the second reading of an ordinance sponsored by Councilors Jill Simpson and Nancy Thompson. The third and final reading of the measure is expected to be voted on at the council's August 3rd meeting after the ordinance committee has reviewed the legislation and made its recommendation to the full council.

Councilor Gina-Marie Letellier, whose zoning review committee fine-tuned the ordinance as amended by the Planning Board, stressed the importance of informing the public that the zoning rules are not meant as an invitation for adult businesses to locate in Agawam.

Rather, the ordinance is intended "to protect the citizenry without interfering with the civil rights of business owners" whose right of free expression is protected by the state and the federal government, Ms. Letellier said.

"Without a zoning ordinance in place, a business owner could ask to put an adult business in any (business zoned) area," said Ms. Letellier. "We are not here to invite pornography or obscenity. We have tried to craft an ordinance to protect the people of Agawam from pornographers or obscene material."

While support for the ordinance was unanimous, several councilors said they had been contacted by residents and business owners who objected to including the Walnut Street Extension/Ramah Circle area and Southgate Plaza on Silver Street and Suffield Street in the areas where an adult entertainment business could be located.

In addition to the objections of existing business owners to the idea of having an adult business as a neighbor, concern came from residents worried about the effect such a business could have on the young people who flock to Games and Lanes on Walnut Street and McDonald's on Suffield Street, Ms. Letellier said.

The proposed ordinance requires a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for adult entertainment uses, in addition to limiting where those businesses can locate.

Rather than designating specific sites where adult businesses could operate, the ordinance aims at preventing adult businesses from locating within 1,000 feet of a church, a school, a playground, a youth center, or any district designated for residential use.

Where An Adult Business Would Be Allowed...

Among the areas where an adult business would be allowed if the zoning ordinance is adopted are Bondi's Island, an area south of Riverside Park on Main Street, Walnut Street Extension and Ramah Circle, the Meadows, and the area around Silver Street and Shoemaker Lane, including Southgate Plaza.

But, Ordinance Committee Chairman Robert Magovern is hoping to eliminate Southgate Plaza as a possible home for an adult business when his committee reviews the ordinance in the coming weeks.

"Our job is finding the location that will have the least impact on the town," Magovern said. "We do have to allow these businesses, but we can limit the specific sites. Hopefully, the Silver Street/Suffield Street area will not be one of the sites."

At a Town Council public hearing last month, Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos said the intent of the town is not to suppress constitutionally-protected free speech, but to enact a content-neutral ordinance which addresses the adverse secondary effects of adult businesses, specifically impacts on children, increased crime against women and children, increased police activity, and health issues, including sexually transmitted diseases, the introduction of organized crime into the community, and impacts on adjacent residential areas of town.

The council has until August 21st to take action on the ordinance.

Rep. Keenan Highlights Real Estate Tax Exemptions For The Elderly

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan encourages persons 70 years or older to explore real estate tax exemptions in Massachusetts. Certain exemptions exist in the amounts of \$500 and \$175 for persons who meet specific eligibility requirements.

Keenan stated, "I think it is worthwhile for anyone who is 70 years or older to look further into these exemptions. These real estate exemptions will not help if they are unknown to the people who can take advantage of them."

One of the two exemptions applies to persons who fall into one of three categories: widows and widowers, minor children with one parent deceased, and persons 70 years of age or older. Persons who fit into one of these three categories and also satisfy residency and whole estate or asset re-

quirements may qualify for a \$175 deduction.

Persons 70 years or older may also qualify for an alternate exemption if they meet certain whole estate or asset, annual income, and residency requirements. The exemption amount is \$500.

Applications for the real estate tax exemption must be filed annually on or before December 15th with the city/town assessor. Applications may also be filed within three months from the date the bill was first mailed if the tax bill is mailed after September 15th.

For further information about the eligibility requirements and exemptions, contact your local Board of Assessors, the Department of Revenue at the Division of Local Services, Property Tax Bureau at (617) 727-2300, or Rep. Keenan's district office at (413) 786-4545.

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Council Unanimously Supports First Reading Of Ordinance Regulating Used Car Dealerships

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Beginning in January, used car dealers will be able to have more cars on display for sale, but the rules under which they operate their businesses will be stricter, if Town Council continues to support an ordinance sponsored by the rules committee.

Council support was unanimous for a first reading at Monday night's meeting. The council could vote on the final two readings needed for the measure to be enacted into law at its next meeting on August 3rd. In the meantime, the ordinance committee is expected to review the ordinance before making recommendations to the full council.

The draft legislation has already received the unanimous approval and sponsorship of the rules committee, which is chaired by Councilor John Negrucci. The members are Councilors Gina-Marie Letellier and Gary Geiger.

Negrucci said his committee believes the new rules will benefit both the town and the used car dealers.

"This ordinance will give the town a certified plot plan for each used car lot and the power to enforce the regulations," Negrucci said. "The dealers will be allowed to increase the number of cars on display by one-third and the amount of

space set aside for customer parking will decrease."

With no discussion, the council wasted little time in approving both an amendment calling for quarterly inspections by the building inspector and the ordinance as a whole.

Geiger said the quarterly inspections would add some teeth to the ordinance while making sure all dealers were treated fairly.

Besides scrapping the old council rule under which used car dealers were licensed, the new ordinance will clean up the town zoning code by incorporating Massachusetts General Law, which prohibits issuing a license to buy and sell used cars to anyone unless that is their principal business, Negrucci said.

"Used car dealers will be required to have one service bay set aside for repairing used cars," Negrucci said. "If they operate a repair business for the general public, they will have to have a separate office for the repair business. The primary business must be buying and selling used cars."

More Accurate And Detailed Information...

Negrucci said the requirement for an architect-certified site plan for used car lots will give the

town more accurate and detailed information on each lot than has been provided in the past.

Previously, the plans submitted by dealers in the licensing procedure were often hand-drawn sketches based on the owners' estimates of the dimensions of the buildings, display areas, and buffer zones, Negrucci said.

"I would like to have the second and third readings of the ordinance at our next meeting so the dealers will have time to comply and get a certified site plan and Planning Board approval, before the licenses come up for renewal in January," Negrucci said.

Under the terms of the ordinance, beginning in January 1999, used car dealers must submit a certified site plan of their premises to the Planning Board when applying for a license or amending an existing license. The plan must include the total square footage of the premises with detailed information showing the display areas, all permanent buildings, buffer areas, signage, lighting and driveways, as well as other pertinent information for the Planning Board to consider during site plan review.

The site plan must be approved by the Planning Board before the plan can be submitted to the council as the licensing authority.

Veterans' Corner... New From Vets' Agents Conference

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

While attending the Massachusetts Veterans' Agents Conference, I was able to obtain some information of interest to all veterans.

As you are aware, the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs is requesting all veterans be enrolled by October 1, 1998 if you haven't used the medical facilities during the past two years. Once enrolled, you will be given an eligibility card to present each time you use a VA medical facility. The enrollment process will include your completion of a Form 10-10 financial statement and a copy of your discharge.

For those who enroll but choose not to complete the Financial Statement, but do prefer to utilize the VA Outpatient Center or VA Hospitals, will be required to pay \$44.95 per visit, plus \$2 for each filled prescription.

If you choose to do this, you could consolidate your various appointments with VA doctors on the same day for the cost of \$44.95. The VAOPC is located in the new Federal Building on Main Street in Springfield (telephone 785-0301), and they do validate parking tickets for the StageWest garage.

The VA advised there are now Service Delivery

Teams throughout the country which are called SEDANS. The New England SEDAN will include representatives from the New England states. There will be periodic meetings of SEDANS from across the nation to assess the changing needs of our veterans to provide the best service possible.

Regarding compensation claims for the presumptive condition of frostbite or frozen extremities, veterans should provide any military records available, or anything official, including the location of service where temperatures were low enough to cause the condition, such as Korea.

Service Officer Jack Soraghen advised that the annual VA insurance scam has reared its ugly head again. If you receive letters advising you of your eligibility to funds from VA insurance policies such as, "For one year of service you're entitled to \$261, two years \$391, and four years of service \$528," PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS IS A HOAX THAT IS PERPETUATED EACH YEAR.

HONOR ROLL: The following is the list of World War II veterans whose Home of Record is

Agawam, and whose last names begin with "E" and "F."

(Several people reading the column contacted me regarding a veteran not listed whose last name begins with "D." We will be checking that out, and we're pleased that so many of you are checking not only your own name but the names of other Agawam people.)

WWII HONOR ROLL - "E" & "F"

Richard H. Eagan, Henry C. Earle, George R. Easter, Karl K. Esche, Richard H. Esche, Frank L. Evangelist, George C. Ezekiel, Vernon V. Farmer, Merwyn B. Farnsworth, Bernard Fell, Francis J. Fenn, Robert C. Fenn, Joseph G. Ferranti, William R. Ferranti, Victor P. Ferrarini, Everett C. Ferrell, Roy Ferrell, William Field, Lyman F. Fields, Gilbert A. Fields.

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For Supporting Arts Education...

School Committee Receives Award At State House Ceremony

The Agawam School Committee received the Massachusetts Alliance for Arts Education Award for outstanding support of arts education.

At the Annual Outstanding Arts Educator and School Committee Awards ceremony in the State House on Wednesday, June 10th, the Agawam School Committee was this year's winner. The Massachusetts Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) is the state's leading advocacy organization for the promotion of arts education.

Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor and Chairperson of the School Committee, spoke for the group. As Senator Linda Melconian was out of town, her staff presented the School Committee representatives with a citation.

Agawam is the fourth School Committee in Massachusetts to be so honored. The winner is nominated by the Massachusetts School Committee Association and MAAE. Through this award, Agawam is nominated for the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network and National School Boards Association national award next spring.

Agawam School Committee members recognize the importance of visual art, music, theater, dance, and creative writing in the core curriculum. The school district currently employs 13 full-time and two part-time music and art teachers, plus a number of extracurricular coaches and advisors for band, drama, musical plays, literary magazines, and the school newspaper.

Music and art classes are required for all students kindergarten through eighth grade. High school art courses are elective, but participation in the arts is strongly encouraged.

MAAE is a member of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network and the foremost Massachusetts advocate for lifelong learning in and through the arts. Its statewide membership includes artists, educators, parents, administrators, business, cultural organizations, and schools.

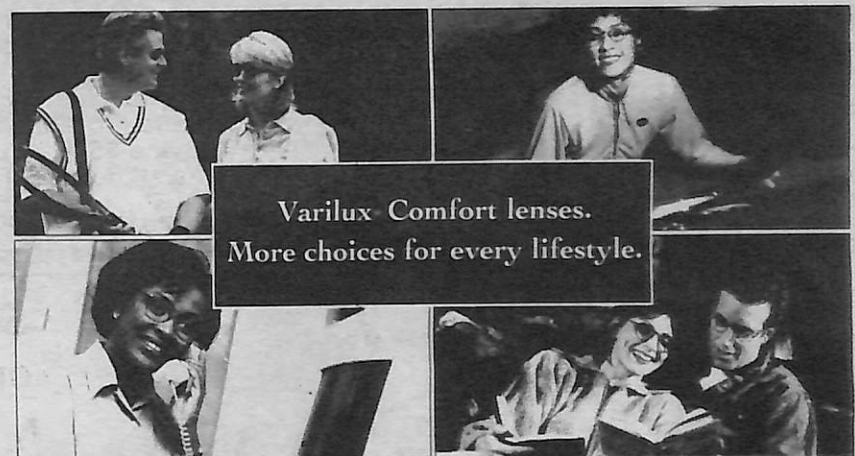
MAAE receives funding from the Kennedy Center and works in partnership with the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



IN PHOTO ABOVE: Attending the State House ceremony were School Committee member Teresa Kozloski, AHS Art Academic Coordinator Frances Messina, Mayor Christopher Johnson, School Superintendent Frank Ameruso, and AHS Music Academic Coordinator Tamara Watson. IN PHOTO BELOW: The School Committee and Ameruso proudly display their Arts Education Awards. Photo below by AAN photographer Jack Devine.



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— Agawam Obituaries —

Ruth DiLorenzo

Ruth (Mancuso) DiLorenzo, 70, of 127 Roosevelt Avenue, Feeding Hills, died at home.

She worked for H.B. Hood Co. and the Christian Bookstore on Wilbraham Road, both in Springfield.

She was born in Springfield, and attended Technical High School.

She lived in Lakeland, Florida, before moving to Feeding Hills in 1996.

Her husband, Emilio DiLorenzo, died in 1984.

She leaves three daughters, Judith Braese of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, Cheryl Charko of Agawam, and Ruth Bushey of Feeding Hills; a brother, Peter of Wilbraham; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Bethany Assembly of God, with the burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 580 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or the Christian School, 627 State Street, Springfield, MA 01109.

Ann M. Potter

Ann M. (Kostopulos) Potter, 58, of 757 Southwest Street, Feeding Hills, died at home.

She was a 15-year employee of K & M Electronic in West Springfield. Previously, she worked in the culinary department at the Felicia Sisters Convent in Enfield.

Born in Springfield, she attended schools there. She previously lived in Agawam and moved to Feeding Hills in 1989.

She was a member of Grace Church of Christ, Springfield.

Her husband, Kenneth J., died in 1974.

She leaves a son, James K., and a daughter, Denise A. Potter, both of Feeding Hills; two brothers, William of West Springfield and John of Windsor Locks, CT; three sisters, Madeline Madus of East Longmeadow, Gloria Perry of Sandusky, Ohio, and Joan LaChapelle of Huntington; two grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held in the church, and burial was in Pawcatuck Cemetery in West Springfield. The Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 53 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA.

Shirley L. Ampelakis

Shirley L. (Isham) Eaton-Ampelakis, 63, of 211 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was born and schooled in Springfield.

She was a communicant of Mt. Carmel Church and a member of the Immaculate Conception Church Bingo Club.

Her first husband, Alfred Eaton, died in 1988.

She leaves her former husband, Charles Ampelakis, three sons, Michael A. Eaton and Robert J. Eaton, both of Feeding Hills, and Peter T. Ampelakis of West Springfield; a daughter, Karen Eaton of Feeding Hills; a sister, Christella Boggs of Puyallup, Washington; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home and in Mt. Carmel Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, Tennessee 38148-0552.

John P. Sullivan

John Patrick Sullivan, 43, of 9 Tamarack Lane, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a licensed electrician.

He was born in Hartford, and was a 1974 graduate of Longmeadow High School.

He lived in Longmeadow before moving to Feeding Hills 10 years ago, and was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife, Judy (Vigneault) Sullivan; two daughters, Erin and Shannon at home; his parents, James and Marian (Lambe) Sullivan of West Springfield; two brothers, James P. of Longmeadow and Peter D. of Agawam; and three sisters, Alice Bell of Agawam, Sue Paolino of Cromwell, Connecticut, and Marian Sullivan of Baltimore, Maryland.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones

Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sullivan Children's Trust Fund, in care of Springfield Institution for Savings, 1425 Westfield Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Shirley M. Goss

Shirley M. (Masterson) Goss, 77, of 280 Elm Street, Agawam, died at a local nursing home.

She worked at the Eastern States Farmers Exchange in West Springfield, and the Post Office in Agawam.

Born in West Springfield, she was a 1938 Agawam High School graduate and a long-time Agawam resident.

She attended the First Baptist Church for 50 years, and was a deacon, a volunteer with the trading post and the catering club, and a member of the ABC Bell Ringers.

She belonged to the Agawam Women's Club and the Agawam Historical Association, and was a trustee of the Captain Leonard House.

She leaves her husband, Donald R. Goss; two sons, Donald R. Jr. of Suffield and Michael R. of Monson; a sister, Vivian Martin of Westfield; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The memorial service was held in the church, and the burial was private in Center Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church or the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Yvette Spurrell

Yvette (Vallier) Beauregard Spurrell, 83, of Agawam, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Marlboro, she was graduated from St. Ann's Academy before making her home in Ludlow.

She moved to Agawam in 1996.

She was a Daughter of Isabella, and belonged to the St. Ann's Sodality.

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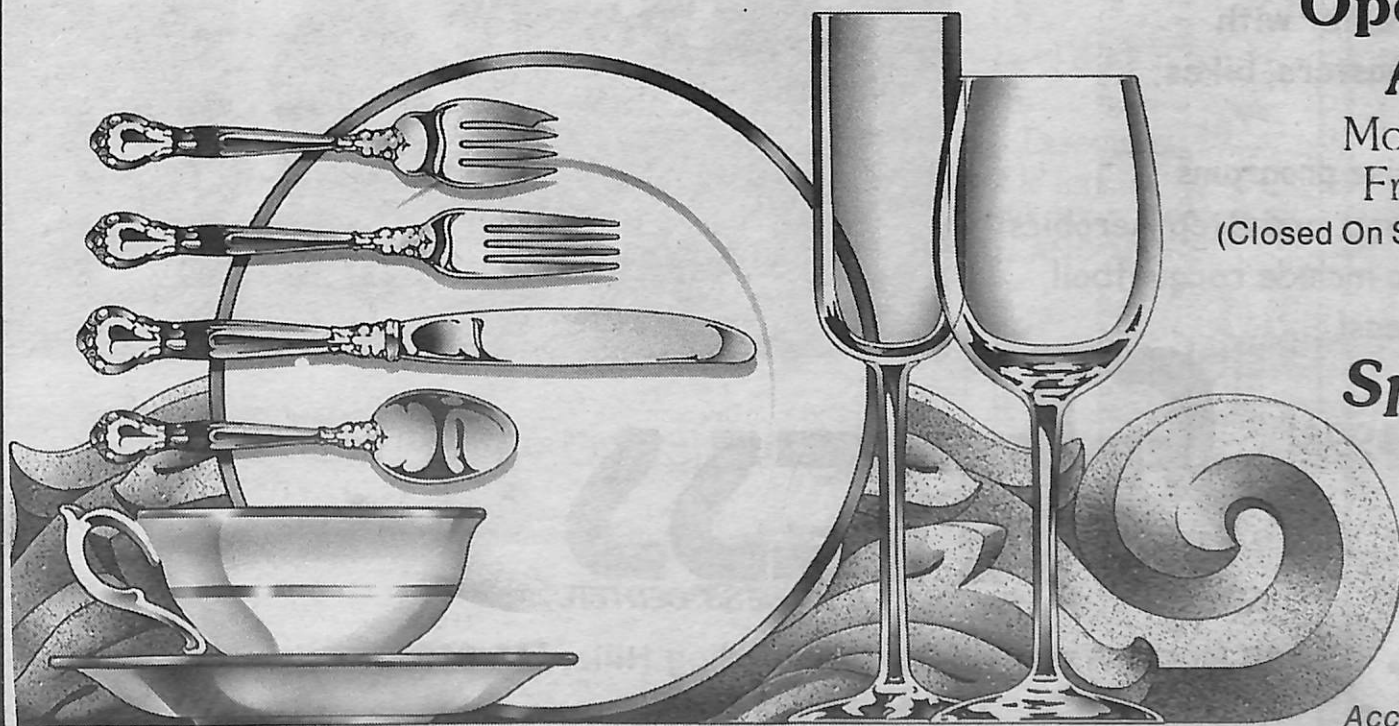
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Due to the drenching rains June 12th-14th, some events had to be rescheduled for mid-July. Final results will be reported at a later date.

BILLIARDS:

Eddie Chiba - Gold.

BOWLING (Candlepin):

Eddie Chiba - Silver.

BOWLING (Ten Pin):

Hal Deyo - Silver in Men's Singles; Silver in Mixed Doubles.

Desiree Jacobs - Silver in Mixed Doubles.

Peggy Bentley - Silver in Singles; Silver in Mixed Doubles.

Tom Bentley - Silver in Mixed Doubles.

Chet Comins - Gold in Singles.

Virginia Ingram - Silver in Mixed Doubles; Bronze in Singles.

Harry Ingram - Gold in Singles; Silver in Mixed Doubles.

Mary Knowles - Bronze in Mixed Doubles.

Angelo Pumbo - Gold in Singles.

John Wylie - Bronze in Mixed Doubles.

DISCUS:

Chris Pumbo - Gold.

GOLF:

Carolyn Leary - Silver.

Pauline Provost - Gold.

RACQUETBALL:

Ted Cutler - Silver.

SHUFFLEBOARD:

Janice Bonk - Gold in Doubles; Bronze in Singles.

Lois Cutler - Gold in Singles; Gold in Doubles.

Ted Cutler - Gold in Doubles; Bronze in Singles.

Hal Deyo - Silver in Singles; Silver in Doubles.

Edna Duca - Bronze in Doubles.

Desiree Jacobs - Silver in Doubles; Silver in Singles.

Lena Peloquin - Silver in Singles.

Vi Presz - Gold in Doubles; Silver in Singles.

Helen Robbins - Bronze in Doubles.

Janice Schermerhorn - Silver in Doubles; Bronze in Singles.

SWIMMING:

Harry Ingram - Gold in IM 200; Silver in 50 Free Style; Silver in 10 Free Style; Silver in 50 Breast Stroke; Silver in 100 Breast Stroke; Silver in 50 Back Stroke.

TENNIS:

Rudy Altobelli - Gold in Doubles; Gold in Singles.

All the medalists now qualify to compete in the National Senior Games to be held in Orlando, Florida, in October 1999.

ASGA needs the financial support of Agawam citizens and businesses in order to defray expenses in getting your medalists to the Nationals in 1999. Your contributions can be mailed to: ASGA, c/o Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001-3128.

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Pioneer Valley Concert Band To Perform At Veterans' Green

The Agawam Cultural Council will present the Pioneer Valley Concert Band at the Veterans' Green (Main Street, Agawam) on Wednesday evening, July 15th, at 6:30 p.m.

Now in its 15th season, the Pioneer Valley Concert Band is, as always, dedicated to providing concerts of an amazing variety of fine band music.

Organized under Alan E. Sittard, the band was formed of musicians who had played in the following local bands which have recently faded: the 22nd Infantry Band, the Agawam Legion Band, the Post 21 Legion Band, and the Elks Band.

The new band was greeted with great enthusiasm by concertgoers in Springfield, West Springfield, Southwick, Palmer, Chicopee, Agawam, and several other towns in Western Massachusetts.

In its second season under the direction of Samuel A. Hudak III, following the death of Mr. Sittard, the band is still entertaining audiences with a delightful mixture of classic and modern selections, Broadway and film medleys, and stirring marches.

The band has recently incorporated members of the Holyoke City Band into its ranks as well, merging two bands with an outstanding history of fine musical performance.

The musicians are members of the Greater Springfield Association of Musicians, Local 171 of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM).

The July 15th concert at the Veterans' Green is being sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Her first husband, Eugene Beauregard, died in 1986, and her second, Alban Spurrell, in 1997.

She leaves a son, David Beauregard of Ludlow; a daughter, LuAnn Staniszewski of Palmer; a stepson, Eugene Beauregard, Jr. of Ludlow; a stepdaughter, Theresa Veilleus of Ludlow; a sister, Alice Wadlegger of Florida; nine grandchildren;

and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Ludlow Funeral Home and St. John the Baptist Church, with the burial in Island Pond Cemetery, all in Ludlow.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Western Massachusetts Visiting Nurse Association, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102, or the St. John the Baptist Church Fund, Hubbard Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

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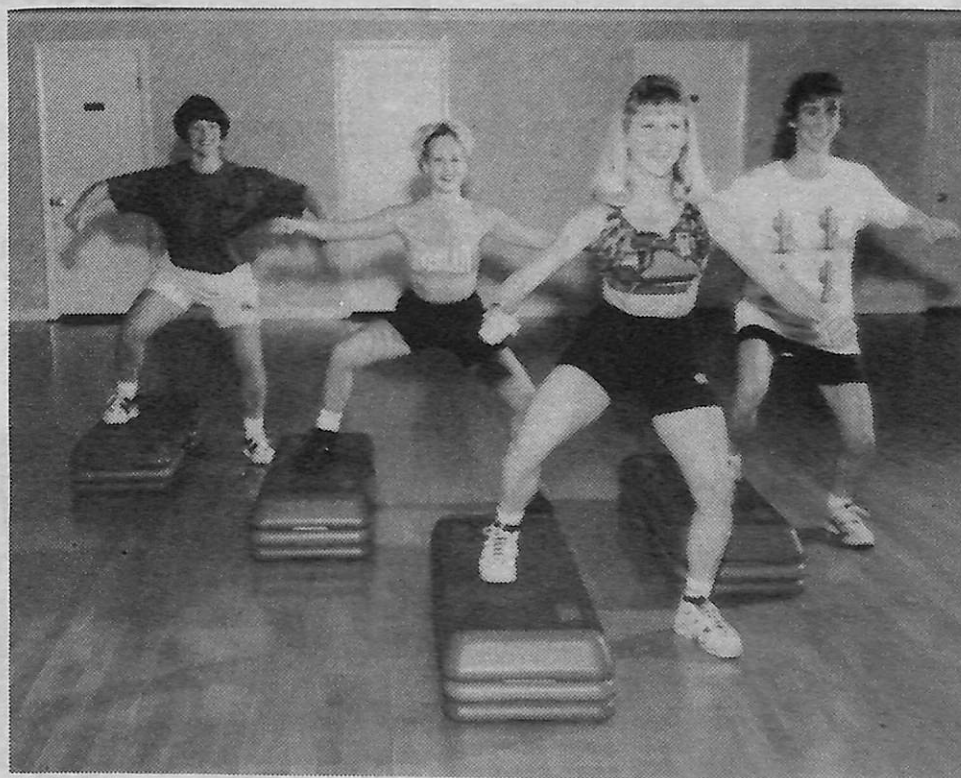
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Golf Tourney To Benefit West Spfld./ Agawam Open Pantry

At its June meeting, the West Springfield Parish and Interfaith Association listened to Chairman Paul Skowera and Coordinator Don Conklin, organizers of the Sixth Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry.

The gentlemen gave a presentation on the specifics of the tournament, and on its importance to the Pantry's financial health. It is the single largest fundraising event of its kind to benefit the Pantry.

The majority of funds raised comes from gold, silver, and bronze sponsorships. Upon hearing this, the Parish Association voted in favor of becoming a gold sponsor of the event.

Other organizations have come on board, with the Eastern States Exposition being the largest corporate sponsor, and WMAS contributing free air time and prizes to the event.

The Golf Tournament is a fun event and will be held this year on Wednesday, August 19th, at the Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield, complete with food, hospitality, cart, and prizes. Fees are \$80 in advance or \$85 at the door.

The price includes coffee and donuts at the 9:00 a.m. sign-up, green fees, cart (shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.), refreshments and a "happy wagon" on the course, and a steak dinner and prizes at 3:30 p.m. You're home by 5:00 p.m.!

For reservations, please contact Paul Skowera, Jennifer Cummings, or Cassie Gilmartin at the Pantry at 734-7969 or 734-2639.

Mr. Conklin states that the current need is for more sponsors and more players. Also, Mr. Skowera says that committees of this type generally have 15 to 20 members, but this year, the committee has only a handful of members. He and Mr. Conklin welcome more golfers and novices to come on board and become part of the organizing committee.

If anyone in the community would like to play in the tournament, sponsor a tee on the course (this is very popular among businesses), or help to organize the event, please contact Paul, Jennifer, or Cassie at the Pantry at 734-7969 or 734-2639. One-hundred percent of the sponsor money goes directly to support the Pantry's programs to help the hungry and homeless.



AT THE JUNE MEETING of the West Springfield Parish and Interfaith Association: front row (seated) - Jeanne D'Alise, Nola Foley, and Patrick Kearney; middle row - Jennifer Cummings (Executive Director of the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry), Lillian Hillman, Sandy Anziano, Betty Sheldon, Ralph D'Alise, Eleanor Scola, Reverend Dr. Eugene Wratford (Mittineague Congregational Church), Emma Theobald, Pat Lyman, and Larry Theobald; back row - Frank Hillman, Don Conklin (Golf Tourney Coordinator), Paul Skowera (Golf Tourney Chairman), Dick Murry (Open Pantry Board President), and Reverend Don Kellogg (Mittineague United Methodist Church).

Aileen Semanie Earns Volunteer Award

Ms. Aileen Semanie, a member of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, was recently awarded the Paul D'Amato Volunteer Service Award by the Association for Community Living.

This award is given annually to a volunteer who makes an outstanding contribution to the Association and the people it serves. The award was presented to her at the Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony held on June 16, 1998 at the Log Cabin Banquet and Meeting House.

All of the members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club wish to congratulate Aileen on this achievement. We also wish to thank her for her dedicated service and valuable contributions to our community.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the GFWC and the GFWC of Massachusetts.

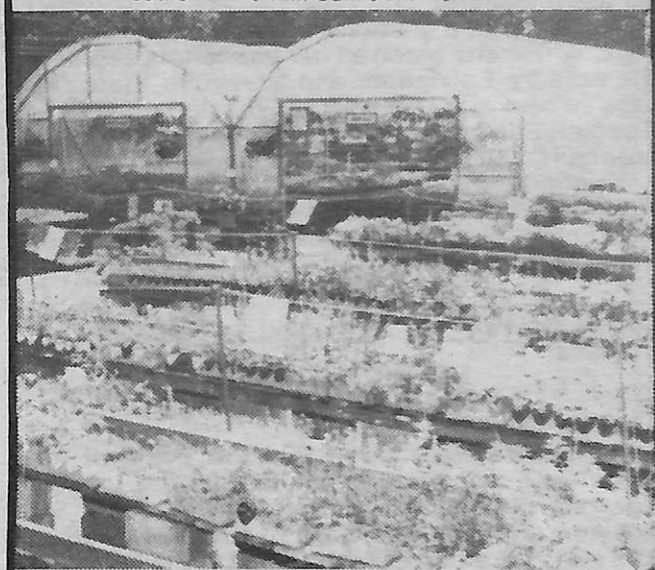
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Kimberley M. Walsh Becomes Bride Of Jerome M. Pitoniak

St. John's Church in Agawam was the setting for the recent wedding of Kimberley M. Walsh and Jerome M. Pitoniak.

The bride is the daughter of John F. and Rosemary Walsh of Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of James Pitoniak of Russell and Joann Pitoniak of York, Maine.

Sharon Wilcox attended as matron-of-honor. Bridesmaids included Kristine Dustin, Kim Satkowski, Heather Hoffman, and Jennifer Pitoniak. Luke Kettles served as best man. Groomsmen included David Richard, Christopher Lucia, Kevin Szalankiewicz, and Mark Szalankiewicz.

Lindsey Wilcox and Rachel Szalankiewicz attended as flower girls and Benjamin Wilcox served as ring-bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Fitchburg State College, where she received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, and Westfield State College, where she received her master's degree in Special Education. She is a special education teacher for the Town of Longmeadow.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Westfield State College, where he received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He is employed as a police officer for the City of Westfield.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1998 at 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of JAMES DAVIGNON, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for a second floor addition at the premises identified as: 420 NORTH STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

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Agawam Garden Club To Host Storowton's Former Curator

Dennis Picard, curator of the Storowton Museum and Village, West Springfield, for the past nine years, will conduct an informative workshop following the 7:00 p.m. July 14th meeting of the Agawam Garden Club.

The meeting and program will be held in a private room at Maria's Restaurant, 605 Silver Street, Agawam. The change in meeting place is due to renovation at the Captain Leonard House.

Crafted dolls, specifically apple head and corn husk dolls that were popular in colonial times, will be demonstrated by Picard. Persons attending will bring an apple and a paring knife.

Picard will explain how to sculpture an apple and set it to dry for about four months, so that around November the apple will be sufficiently dried and shriveled to suggest human-like features. He will also demonstrate the making of dolls from corn husks.

Picard has recently changed positions. He has left Storowton and is now director of the Sheffield Historical Society.

He has also worked for 12 years as lead interpreter for governmental and economic history at Old Sturbridge Village. He has conducted craft workshops in various media at museums, colleges, etc.

Refreshments will be available after the workshop.

Targets Jr. Drum And Bugle Corps To Host July 18th Competition

The Targets Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of Springfield will host an outdoor Eastern Mass. Drum and Bugle Corps competition on Saturday, July 18th at Central High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

In competition will be units from Hornell (New York), Belchertown, Leominster, Fitchburg, Braintree, Billerica, Templeton, and Springfield. The Marksmen Alumni Drum and Bugle Corps will perform in exhibition.

Admission is \$5 and children under five are free. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m.

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BARBARA L. DOBISE AND DAVID C. WOOD

Barbara Lynne Dobise Is Engaged To Wed David C. Wood

Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Dobise of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Lynne, to David C. Wood, son of Josephine L. Wood of Fitchburg, MA.

Barbara is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1995 graduate of Fitchburg State College. She is employed as a foster care case manager with Tri County Youth Programs Inc. in Northampton.

David is a graduate of Fitchburg High School and Fitchburg State College. He is president of Solitude System Solution Enterprises and partner and co-founder of Novid Technologies.

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Agawam Junior Women's Club's 2



Donna O'Connor was ready to wait on fairgoers at the Agawam Junior Women's Club's 24th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, which was held on Saturday, June 6th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.



Patricia Kappenman was just one of about 80 crafters who participated in this Arts & Crafts Fair, sponsord by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.



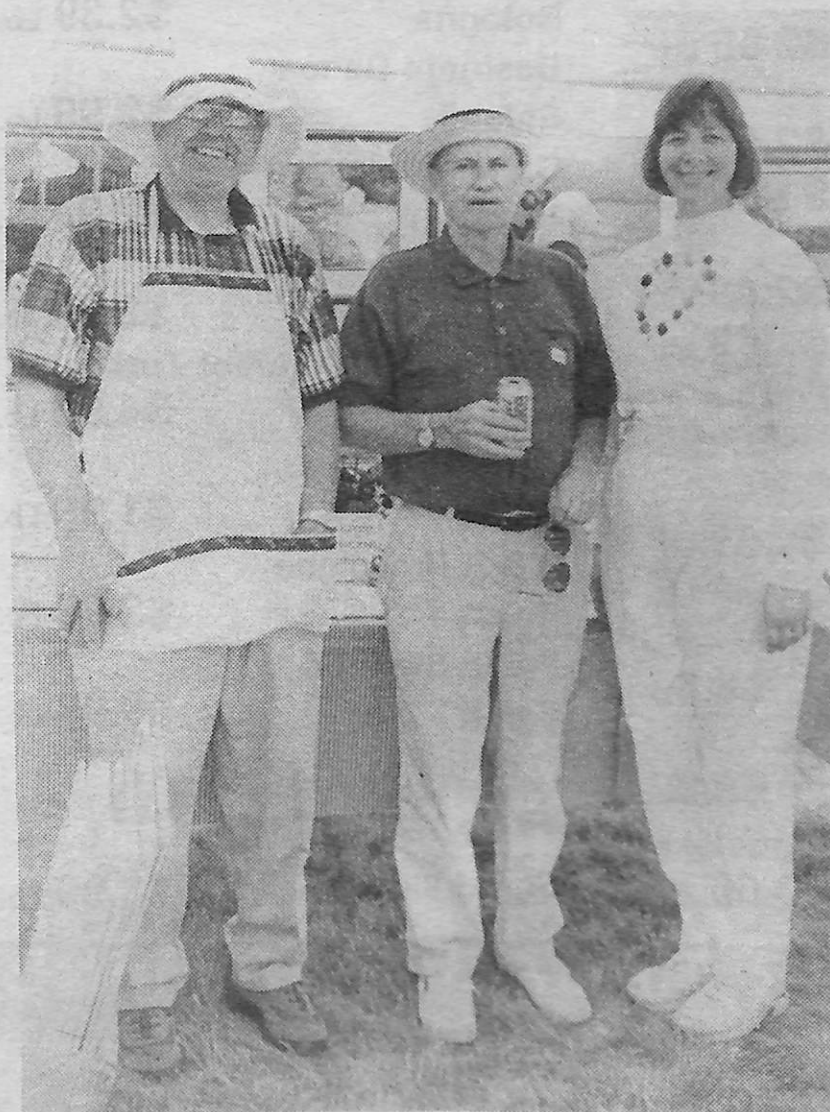
Members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club at left to right): Stephanie Bertagnolli, Laura Paul, Woodard.



In photo above: Valerie Tieme and head start on Christmas decorating Lynn Daniels, Cree Daniels, Marlo Picher.



A variety of creatively decorated pillows awaited fairgoers who visited Peg Fern's table at the Arts & Crafts Fair.



Taking a break during the Agawam Junior Women's Club's 24th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair (from left to right): John J. Wiley, Jr., J.J. McCarthy, and Alexandra Walters.



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All the photos of the Agawam Junior Women's Club's 24th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair are by AAN photographer Jack Devine.

24th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair



Club at the Arts & Crafts Fair's raffle table (from Paul, Elsie Mallory, Kathy Wheeler, and Ann



ey and Lee Elliott were getting a corating ideas. In photo below: Marlo Rosenkranz, and Michelle



Alice & Rick Barber sold various wooden crafts at the Arts & Crafts Fair, which will benefit the Agawam Junior Women's Clubs Scholarship Fund.



Jeanne Pelletier of Greenfield and Debbie Pelletier of Agawam at the Arts & Crafts Fair. The Fair also featured tour of the Captain Charles Leonard House and a Youth Art Exhibit.



Since the weather for this year's Arts & Crafts Fair was a bit on the cool side, these stuffed animals at Hazel Mallory's table were easy to "warm up" to.

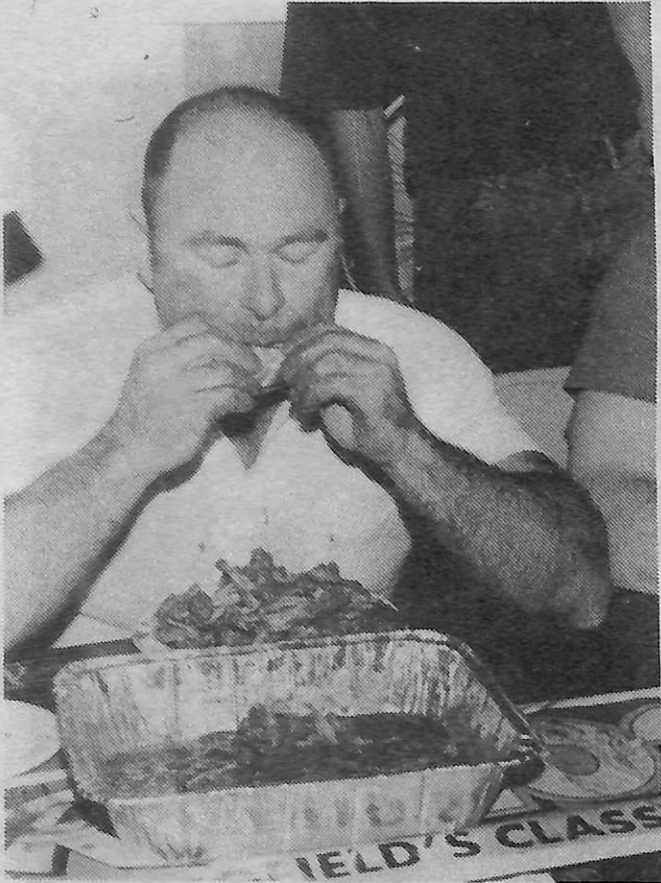


If you were looking for some nifty household decorations, Jean Osolin's single sided slates provided fairgoers with an array of styles to choose from at the Agawam Junior Women's Club's 24th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair.

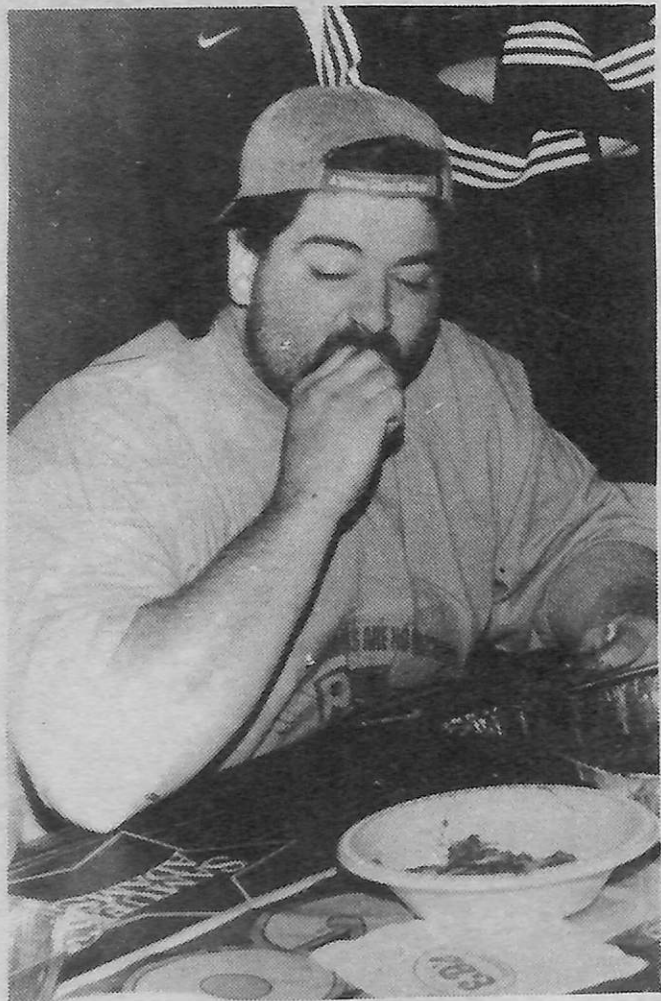
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If you are in interested in purchasing copies of his photos that appear in this edition of The AAN, please contact Jack Devine at 789-0053.

Just "Winging It" For A Worthy Cause...



"HEY, WHAT'S FOR DESSERT?": Two of the hearty participants (above and below) who found E.B's "Wing Eating Contest" a particularly "appetizing" experience. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 13th: Chicken a la king, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, whole grain bread, peaches.

Tuesday, July 14th: Hamburger on a roll, lettuce, tomato & cheese, potato au gratin, pineapple upside-down cake.

Wednesday, July 15th: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, summer squash, cranberry sauce, rye bread, tapioca pudding.

Thursday, July 16th: Grape juice, vegetable lasagna, green beans, whole wheat bread, tropical fruit blend.

Friday, July 17th: Clam chowder, egg salad on roll, broccoli salad, jello with fruit.



THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF E.B's Specialty Chicken Restaurant were ready for the annual "Wing Eating Contest" on Thursday, June 4th. The proceeds from the contest went to the Larson Foundation, which supports the families of homicide victims. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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St. Anthony's Holy Rosary Society Holds A Living Rosary

The Society also wishes a happy, healthy, and blessed summer to all.

A black and white photograph showing a large group of people, primarily elderly, standing in a line on a paved surface, possibly a parking lot or a community center courtyard. The group is arranged in a long, slightly curved line, facing towards the right side of the frame. Many of the individuals are wearing light-colored clothing, and some are holding small objects or bags. In the background, there are several buildings, including a two-story house on the left and a smaller structure on the right, along with trees. The overall scene suggests a community gathering or a group exercise session.

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Church News - continued...



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Love Your Neighbor...

Over the past few years, a bumper sticker has begun appearing on cars. It says, "Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty." The world's idea of how people should treat each other is that every now and then, we might randomly act kindly toward others.

God has a different way, a better way, for people to treat each other. One day, Jesus was confronted by a person who was obviously well-educated in the Jewish religion.

"Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

Jesus' visitor was able to quickly and succinctly summarize the Torah, the Law of God. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

Perhaps Jesus thought to Himself, "I couldn't have said it better." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

The man was not satisfied, however. Perhaps he was looking forward to the day when his very distant descendants would paste a bumper sticker on their car. He wanted it to be easy on himself, so he smugly asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

One gets the impression the man was looking for a narrow definition, one which would not prove too costly. The man wanted it to be easy to qualify, to regard others as neighbor on his own

terms. But that wasn't what Jesus gave him.

Jesus replied, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, he passed by on the other side."

"But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, and gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

It helps to stop at this moment and point out the historical fact that the Jews and the Samaritans were mortal enemies at this time. The Jews hated the Samaritans, and disdained them as half-breeds.

The Samaritan of Jesus' story had to overcome and set aside centuries of ill will to show kindness to the robbers' victim. Yet, he did it. There was nothing random, nor senseless, about the Samaritan's behavior.

The man could not bring himself to say a nice thing about a Samaritan. He couldn't honor the Samaritan by name. The closest he could come was, he said, "The one who showed him mercy."

To all those who would be content to practice kindness on a random basis, Jesus says, referring of the Samaritan, "Go, and do likewise." It is an awesome challenge, one to which we might all aspire but one from which many of us might ultimately shrink, if we rely on our own strength.

But we can do better. It is by the grace of God, that as we love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, that we can rise above practicing random kindness, and have the capacity to actually love our neighbor as ourselves.

Thank-You!!!



LAST MONTH, Agawam United Methodist Church held a cook-out to say "thank-you" to the parishioners who have volunteered their time and energy for the church's various endeavors. Pictured above are just some of the church's volunteers, thus proving that people of all ages are willing to help out where needed. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. John's "Over 60" Club To Sponsor Trip To Lancaster

St. John's "Over 60" Club is sponsoring a four-day trip to the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area for November 3rd through November 6th. The trip will include "Holiday Treasures," a show at the American Music Theatre; the show "Noah" at the Millennium Theatre; and "Holiday Time" at the Living Waters.

Also included will be a ride on the Strasburg Railroad; admission to the "Choo Choo Barn"; an Amish experience, "Jacob's Choice"; a guided tour of Gettysburg National Park; admission to the Electric Map and the Eisenhower Farm; plus six meals.

If interested in this trip, please call Barbara Gingras, 786-7037, or Lillian Doyle, 786-9586, to get your name on the list.

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Church News - continued...**News And Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Summer worship hour begins at 9:15 a.m.

The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the sixth Sunday after Pentecost, are Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82; or Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-36.

Rev. Donaldson will be away this Sunday attending a retreat at Warner Farm. The Rev. Paul Zeckhausen will be our guest this week.

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young by Connie Haynes.

July 12th will be Open Pantry Sunday. If you are able to bring a bag of groceries or other needed items, THANK YOU!

If you are unable to do so, there will be envelopes available on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations. Please feel free to take one.

Many thanks to everyone for your continuing support of the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry.

The deadline to submit information for publication in the next church newsletter is Thursday, July 16th.

There will not be a meeting of the Board of Christian Education on Wednesday, July 15th.

There is a sign-up sheet posted in Griswold Hall for those wishing to continue to help Caroline Almquist with her exercises.

We have a wonderful church family support system that is greatly appreciated by Caroline.

In this age of technology, please remember that there are audiotapes of Sunday Worship available from the Board of Deacons. Also, our church e-mail address is feedinghillsucc@juno.com.

On the calendar:

Thursday, July 9th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Saturday, July 11th: All-church retreat at Warner Farm.

Sunday, July 12th: 9:15 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday with guest speaker.

Tuesday, July 14th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, July 15th: 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Thursday, July 16th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Crafters Sought For St. Thomas's Fair

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, Westfield St. (Route 20), West Springfield is accepting applications from crafters interested in participating in its sixth annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

For further information, please call 737-2166 or 737-4145.

"Treemendus" Band Coming To Harvest Assembly Of God

You're invited to join with a special kind of band called "Treemendus" on Thursday, July 16th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Harvest Assembly of God in West Springfield.

Prepare to share in an unforgettable experience as the unique music and sharing of this group breaks into your life. Also known as "The Bowmans," this happy bunch will bless you through anointed music and testimony for all ages.

Their musical variety ranges from rhythm and blues to traditional gospel. They often include western, bluegrass, country, and rhythm and blues in a single concert.

Get ready to learn and join in, too, as group leader Blaine imparts the truths of the Bible with his special brand of "holy humor."

You may laugh, you may cry, but you will be touched by this special ministry.

The concert will be held outdoors (weather permitting) on the corner lot at Union and Bliss Streets by the church at 121 Union Street, West Springfield. It will be held indoors if weather is inclement.

For more information, you may call the church at (413) 739-1234.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

The Sunday Worship Service continues at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The Summer Church School curriculum for church school ages pre-school through sixth grade continues. The program curriculum, "The Whole People of God," will be held downstairs each Sunday following the Children's Message, where there will be one class for all the children attending.

This program will run through the summer months.

There will be baseball trip on Monday, August 24th, to New Britain, Connecticut, to see the New Britain Rock Cats (TWINS) play the Trenton Thunder (RED SOX). This night game is a family four-pack evening which includes four tickets, four hot dogs, four fountain sodas, and four boxes of popcorn for only \$29.

The prepaid deadline is August 10th. The group will carpool at the church at 5:00 p.m. to leave for the game. Please call the church office at 786-7111 for more information.

For all the local news, you turn our pages each and every week ... AAN!!!

Jeremy Boettcher Competes At "Talent Round Up"

This past May, 14 year-old Jeremy Boettcher of Agawam competed at the Free Church Student Ministries' "Talent Round Up."

He competed in six different events and received ratings of "Excellent" in Original Oration, Creative Writing, and Multimedia Production.

Jeremy received ratings of "Superior" in Piano Solo Performance, Music Composition, and Music Arrangement.

Ratings of "Superior" enabled Jeremy to compete nationally in Colorado in those three events. While in Colorado, he enjoyed a trip through the Rocky Mountains and experienced many youth conference speakers and concerts.

Jeremy returned to Agawam last week, having earned "Superior Outstanding" scores in all three events. Ratings of "Superior Outstanding" are reserved for the very finest of musicians.

Because of his ratings, Jeremy was selected to perform a showcase concert at Colorado State University with the band *Lost and Found* for 6,000 people.

Jeremy plays piano regularly at the Westfield Evangelical Free Church and has performed concerts at churches in New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

Missionaries From Guatemala To Visit Valley Comm. Church

Valley Community Church is excited to once again see their church-sponsored missionaries this Sunday.

Ken and Cindy Spaugh and their two children are back in the states and will be spending the weekend with church members. The entire family will also be participating during the worship service.

During Coffee and Fellowship time (immediately following the service), they will show some of the wonderful work they have been able to accomplish during their time in Guatemala. A picnic is also planned at Stanley Park on Sunday evening for the entire church family, giving us some casual time to spend with them.

Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m. and is open to the entire community. The church is located at 152 South Westfield Street.

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Andy & Sue —

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Church News - continued...**Activities & Events
At St. John's Parish****BAPTISM**

We recently welcomed **Sarah Angelina Roulier**, child of Stephen and Sharon, into the parish community of St. John with the Sacrament of Baptism.

PARISH PICNIC — AUGUST 30TH

Time to mark your calendars for our annual Parish Picnic, which will be held on the VFW grounds on the last Sunday of August.

We hope this will be a good family celebration, blending generations of old and young to have fun together.

"OVER 60" CLUB

The Planning Committee will meet on Thursday, July 16th, at 10:00 a.m. in our Fr. Joyce Room. We welcome new ideas and procedures as we formulate our schedules for 1998-99 trips and speakers.

The Club is planning a four-day trip this fall, a "Lancaster Show Stopper" with "Noah" and Gettysburg, from November 3rd through November 6th. The cost will be \$370 per person, double occupancy.

You do not have to belong to the "Over 60" Club to join in this trip. If interested, call Barbara, 786-7037, or Lil, 786-9586, and get your name on the list.

Why not surprise your loved ones with a "Birthday Ad" in The AAN! They cost just \$30, so bring yours in today...

**This Week At
First Baptist Church**

Rev. Frank Knight, retired Pastor of the First Park Memorial Baptist Church of Springfield, will be the guest speaker at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship this Sunday, July 12th, at the First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets, Agawam.

Rev. Knight has chosen as his topic "The View From Heaven." He will use scriptural text from John 11: 17-27.

Mr. Knight and his wife, Joyce, reside in Springfield. They have travelled extensively, and have been Baptist missionaries in China.

Assisting Mr. Knight in the worship service will be Board of Deacons Chairman Everett Hodge. Special music will be provided by the Agawam Baptist Bellringers, under the direction of Mr. Hodge.

There will be a coffee and conversation hour in Davis Hall following worship. You are cordially invited to attend our services.

**"Mass Of Anointing"
To Be Performed
At St. Anthony's**

Father William Rousseau will celebrate a "Mass of Anointing" at St. Anthony of Padua Church (corner of Maple & Bridge Sts., Agawam) on Sunday, July 26, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers and anointing with the "Oil of Chrism" will be offered for the healing of mind, body, and spirit.

Please call 786-4451 to register for anointing and to let us know if you are in a wheelchair or have any special needs.

Refreshments will follow the Mass.

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**Summer Vacation
Bible Camp Coming
To Ag. Congregational**

The Summer Vacation Bible Camp at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, is scheduled for July 27th through July 31st, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Children ages two through the sixth grade are welcome to attend the camp. Older youths can volunteer as helpers to assist the teachers.

The cost of the camp is \$7 per child; the third child is free! Registration forms are available in the church office.

We now have nine adult helpers, but we need at least 16 more! Please consider taking time to help us out to make this camp a huge success. Without YOU this cannot happen!

For more information, you may call the church office at 786-7111.

**Bethany Church
To Offer Vacation
Bible School**

Bethany Church of 580 Main Street, Agawam will host "Sonlight Island Vacation Bible School" July 20th-24th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Join us for a tropical treasure hunt on Sonlight Island! You'll have fun in the warmth of the Sun, with Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, songs, and skits. Discover the greatest treasure of all, God's love, as you explore 1 Corinthians 13.

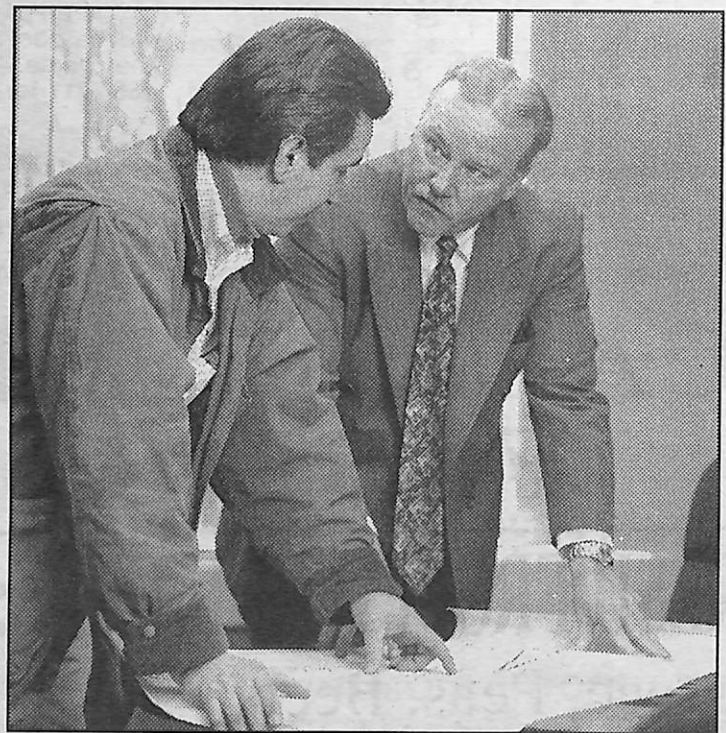
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Spotlight On Business

Legal Memo

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Slip And Fall: Recreational Use Of Land

Where parents sued a town for negligence after (1) they paid the town a registration fee for their daughter to participate in a youth basketball league and (2) the mother was injured while watching her daughter play a game on town property, an order in favor of the town was issued by the Superior Court and was upheld.

The Plaintiffs allege that the mother was injured as a result of a slip and fall on an unnatural accumulation of ice on the town's property while attending her daughter's basketball game. Her husband's claim was for loss of consortium.

The town relied on the Commonwealth's recreational use statute, Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 21, section 17C as an affirmative defense. The Plaintiffs contend that M.G.L. c. 21, Section 17C does not apply because they paid a registration fee to the Defendant's recreation department to enable their daughter to participate in the youth basketball league.

M.G.L. c. 21, Section 17C provides "An owner of land who permits the public to use such land for recreational purposes without imposing a charge or fee therefore ... shall not be liable to any member of the public who uses said land for the aforesaid purposes for injuries to person or property sustained by him while on said land ... The liability of an owner who imposes a charge or fee for the use of his land by the public for recreational purposes shall not be limited by any provision of this section."

The Court said the town charged no admission fee to the Plaintiffs. The registration fee that the Plaintiffs paid for their daughter was used to reimburse the league for its incidental expenses.

Even if the Plaintiffs did not register their daughter to play on the team, the Plaintiffs, along with any other member of the public, could have gone to the school and observed the basketball game without paying a fee. The Plaintiffs' action falls within the scope of M.G.L. c. 21, Section 17C and they cannot recover.

Attorney Alan J. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

Alan J. Ferrigno and Pam Savioli are regular columnists who comprise our "Spotlight On Business"...

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Preparing Your Home For Sale...

Right now, we are in the middle of the peak months for real estate transactions. More people buy and sell homes during the spring and summer months than at any other time of year. That means you, as the home seller, will face more selling competition, but there will also be more buyers in the market.

To give you an advantage in the home sales market, I've compiled the following advice for preparing your home for sale:

- Start by fixing up the inside of your home. Faded wallpaper, chipped paint, or worn woodwork will not appeal to buyers. Selective painting and wallpapering can give your home a clean, cheery appearance.

- Carpet that is badly worn or an out-of-date color may need to be replaced. Choose a neutral color to appeal to the most decorating tastes.

- Repair dripping faucets and doors, windows, or knobs that stick. Small repairs like these indicate a home that's been well cared for.

- Buyers will pay particular attention to the kitchen; make sure yours shines. Clean all appliance surfaces and interiors. Keep the counters and sink free of clutter.

- Closets and hallways should be cleared of excess items. The more open and spacious your home appears, the more attractive it will be to buyers. The same goes for attics, basements, or garages if you house has these features.

- Spend some time fixing up the outside of your home also. Repaint if necessary, and repair gutters or drains. Mow and trim the lawn and hedges. Adding some colorful flowers will increase the curb appeal of your home.

These and other minor improvements can promote the sale of your home. Contact me for more suggestions on increasing your home's appeal — **Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.**

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MICHAEL M. LEFEBVRE

Michael M. Lefebvre Joins Park West Bank And Trust Company

Michael M. Lefebvre has joined Park West Bank and Trust Company as a Vice President, Commercial Loan Division, according to Donald R. Chase, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Lefebvre brings over 12 years of banking experience to Westbank. Since 1985, he has held the position of Commercial Loan Officer and Vice President of Commercial Lending at two major commercial banks in this area.

He graduated from West Springfield High School and received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Western New England College. He served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Lefebvre was a Westfield Sparkplug and a trustee of the West Springfield Boys and Girl's Club, and he has been active in numerous business and civic organizations.

He resides in West Springfield with his wife, Anne Marie, and their four children: Lindsey, Brianne, Courtney, and Hannah.

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Goal-Setting Made Easy!

This week, I want to touch base on the power of goal-setting ... and the steps that I use in helping myself attain my dreams. Actually, it's a very simple process ... it's just a matter of turning these steps into a regular habit.

I strongly suggest that you read the info listed below several times until you have a good understanding of the principles involved. Please realize that this information can change your life.

Step 1 - You must have a specific goal.

As we discussed several weeks ago, it's critical for you to become "a dreamer." Ask yourself what

specific areas are of interest to you ... and then make a list of what things you would like to accomplish. These areas could include your family, your income, your career, your habits, etc. It's important to give this area some serious thought.

Step 2 - You must have a specific time to achieve your goal.

Once you have established your list of goals, set a deadline for each specific area. By doing this, you are putting pressure on yourself to perform in a timely manner.

Step 3 - You must write it down.

Your goal must be specific and you must write it down as a commitment. Then, carry your goal everywhere, constantly focusing your thoughts on attaining this commitment.

Step 4 - You must develop a plan to achieve your goal.

What I do is make a list of *everything* that comes into my mind as to how I can accomplish my goal. I then list them numerically on the chances of success. I now have a specific game plan which I will faithfully follow.

Step 5 - You must describe what kind of price you are willing to pay.

A phrase that I use often is "the world hates change ... but it's the only thing that brings pro-

gress." Typically, sacrifices will have to be made as you put your plans into effect ... but usually these sacrifices are a small price to pay when you look at the overall goal and the positive effect it should have on your life.

Step 6 - You must think about reaching your goal every day.

Once I set my goal(s), there is not a day that goes by that I don't think about how great it will be once I reach the finish line and accomplish my goal. This type of dreaming keeps me trying when I want to quit.

Follow this simple formula and give yourself an extra "edge" in life. You will need to stay motivated to succeed, and following these guidelines will help you reach your goals.

BITS & PIECES

Here's a great tip from Luki Vail ... Each night, list the ways you expect to spend money the next day. That day, buy only what is written on the list. At night, write down purchases that you passed up to stick to the list, total the money saved, and put that amount into a jar.

After one week, check to see how much money is in the jar. Deposit the savings in a mutual fund, use it to pay down a credit card, and periodically treat yourself.

**Travel Talk...**

by Lori Keeley, CTC
Travel Connections, LTD
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How About A Cruise Vacation?

A cruise vacation can be a very relaxing way to see many different destinations. Cruising really stretches your vacation dollar.

When you book a cruise, there are many things included that might otherwise cost you money on a land-based vacation. A typical cruise vacation will include your airfare from the nearest airport (if needed), your transfers from the airport to the ship's pier, accommodations, all meals, onboard

daytime activities, Broadway shows, cabarets, discos, and not to mention all those exciting ports that you will be missing.

With a cruise, you never have to worry about getting around in an unfamiliar area; you only unpack once, yet you travel from port to port. For people who would like to visit Europe but are afraid of the language barrier or driving, a cruise is the best way to travel.

If anyone thinks they might get seasick, try cruising on one of the larger ships (say, the Grand Princess at 109,000,000 tons). Take it from me, it won't feel like the ferry you took from Rhode Island over to Block Island.

Or better yet, book a cruise on the "Voyager of the Seas." This ship will debut in November of 1999 and weigh in at a mere 136,000,000 tons. The ship will sail seven-night western Caribbean cruises from Miami and visit Labadee, Hispaniola, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, and Cozumel, Mexico.

For those who like to ice skate, well, guess what? The Voyager will have an ice skating rink on board. And what about our mountain climbers? The Voyager will have a rock climbing simulator.

It seems as though the cruise lines are in this mad race with each other to see who can build the largest ship and provide as many activities as one wishes. It's great for the consumer; we can just sit back and relax and wait for another floating resort to be built.

To get the best rates, book your cruise vacation at least nine months in advance. Last-minute specials can be found for those who can pick up and go.

Advise your travel agent to inform you about last-minute deals. Keep in mind you won't find them around the holidays.

Many cruise lines offer incentives for groups of 16 people or more. Try to get your friends and family together; this is a good way to lower the price of your cruise.

Again, ask your travel agent for all the details, or better yet — call our office, 732-1313. Talk to you next week!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding travel, you can write to Lori Keeley, Travel Connections, LTC, 10 Chestnut Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. Thanks for reading The Agawam Advertiser News.

Homebuying Workshop Slated For July 18th

The offices of **The PIONEER GROUP** are sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home ... What the Banks Don't Tell You!"

It will be held Saturday, July 18th from 10:00 a.m.-11:45 at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, West Springfield.

Speakers at the workshop include Donald Thompson, a Principal of **The PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

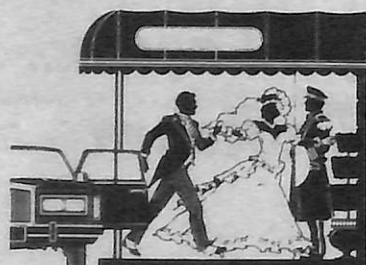
The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested ... their last seminar was fill-

ed to capacity. For more information, please listen to the recorded message at 846-0981 ... and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Hit The Road With A Healthful Eating Plan Nation's Nutrition Experts Offer Helpful Tips For Vacationing Road Travelers

Automobiles get you where you're going, but as a passenger, you burn little of your own fuel along the way. According to the American Dietetic Association (ADA), eating on the road can challenge your waistline and nutrition sense.

The U.S. is expected to see a booming summer travel season with more Americans on the roads than in previous years. Vacation travel by auto, truck, and RV will rise by three percent to 207 million person-trips, comprising 82 percent of all summer vacation travel (source: Travel Industry Association of America).

How do you keep from overdoing it on the road — especially when portions are big, the desserts are rich, and the menus tantalizing? The nation's nutrition experts advise taking along nutritious meals and snacks, so you don't need to rely on vending machines, convenience stores, quick-service establishments, or snack bars.

The ADA's "on the road" healthful eating tips...

- **Fill sealable plastic bags with vegetable finger foods:**

Raw vegetables (broccoli and cauliflower florets, jicama and carrot sticks, zucchini and bell pepper circles, and snow peas, among others). Vegetables are good sources of complex carbohydrates, fiber, and vitamins A and C.

- **Take all kinds of fresh fruit:**

Besides taking the edge off hunger, fruit can be a thirst quencher. Fruit is low in fat, and a good source of vitamins A and C.

- **Tuck in single-portion beverages:**

Canned or boxed fruit juice, canned tomato

juice, and boxed milk. Keep it cool in a small, insulated container with a chill pack. Or an insulated vacuum bottle works well, too.

- **Take other portable, non-perishable foods:**

For example, crackers, peanut butter, raisins, small boxes of ready-to-eat cereal, and other dried fruit, pretzels, and plain popcorn.

- **Stock an insulated cooler with perishable foods:**

Deli sandwiches, yogurt, and cheese among others. Keep your raw vegetables in the cooler, too, to keep them crisp.

- **Build physical activity into your daily plans:**

Get out of the car. Stretch. Take a short walk. When you're hungry, stop to eat your lunch or dinner. You'll enjoy your meal more — and feel more relaxed as you continue driving.

- **You can eat healthfully at a "fast food" establishment:**

Be aware of the trend toward "big," "deluxe," or "super" size. Bigger portions mean more calories, and likely more fat, cholesterol, and sodium. Look for variety in your order. Select a side order of salad, or raw vegetables for vitamins A and C and fiber. On sandwiches and salads, go easy on fat-laden condiments. Choose fried foods only as "sometimes" foods.

These and other healthful eating travel tips are provided in ADA's *Complete Food & Nutrition Guide* (Chronimed Publishing, 620 pages, \$29.95). Also included are other concerns that warrant attention and action for travelers, such as dehydration and food safety.

In addition, registered dietitians are available to answer your specific food and nutrition questions by calling 900-CALL-AN-RD (900-225-5267), weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CST). The cost of the call is \$1.95 for the first minute and 95¢ for each additional minute.

Consumers can also call ADA's Consumer Nutrition Hotline at 800-366-1655 and hear special recorded messages, in English or Spanish, on timely nutrition topics or be referred to a registered dietitian in their area.

Messages on the toll-free hotline can be heard weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (CST). ADA's referral service operates weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CST).

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph
S. Schlaffer
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Injuries Related To Water Skiing...

Recently, a local resident entered my office with complaints of neck pain and numbness in the arm and hand. He had wrenched his neck during a hard fall while water skiing.

The result was dramatic: whiplash injury to the cervical spine (neck). Misaligned spinal vertebrae were compressing the brachial plexus, a large network of nerves that originate in the neck and run into the arm/hand.

No wonder this young adult male, who was in superb physical condition, was in pain. Nerves were being pinched.

The unfortunate and frustrating part is that this player had been examined and unsuccessfully treated by local medical physicians. He was not referred for appropriate chiropractic treatment.

Chiropractic treatment has alleviated the pain and is now working to restore proper function to the neck. Muscle relaxers and anti-inflammatory medications are no longer necessary.

Water skiing, like so many sports, can be traumatic to the joints of the body. Sports accidents often generate health problems that can last a lifetime unless appropriate detection and correction are sought out.

If you or your children experience a bad fall or traumatic injury while engaged in summer sport, a chiropractic examination is in order.

The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 192 Shoemaker Lane emphasizes the health of Agawam's athletes and is well-equipped to examine and treat those who have been injured. Call us at 789-1369.

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Thunderstorms Are Dangerous And "Sizzling" Throughout Our Area

The thunderstorm season runs from May to September. Lightning from electrical storms kills between 150 to 200 people in the United States each year. It can cause a victim's heart to stop and seriously affect the internal organs.

Dr. John Santoro, vice-chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, offers the following guidelines in the event of a thunderstorm with dangerous lightning:

- Don't go near water, and don't lie down on wet ground. If possible, crouch down in a dry ditch.
- Stay away from tall or metal objects like

flagpoles, fences, and trees.

- If you are indoors, stay away from electrical appliances and avoid using the telephone.
- Don't watch storms from an open window or door. Also, avoid the fireplace because the chimney is a target.

He said feeling your hair stand on end is a warning that lightning is about to strike near you; and for safety sake you should crouch down immediately.

"The safest place to be is in a steel-framed building or a building protected by lightning rods," said Santoro.

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Balanced Exercise...

Physical activity is important for our bodies to function at 100 percent. Aerobic activity, strength conditioning, and flexibility are important for a body to be healthy. However, it is difficult in our lives to find time to fit aerobics in five times a week, lifting weights three times a week, and being faithful with our daily stretches.

Often we do just one for the sake of time and compromise on the others. Unfortunately, this may result in an imbalance on the system. So, what to do?

I've never been one to be really excited about going to a gym and spending money to expend energy. There's not much motivation there for me.

Ideally, I would like to do my strength training, aerobic activity, and flexibility all at once at no cost. There are activities that accomplish one or more of those aspects:

- **Running/walking** — Oftentimes I run with my son in the running stroller and my other son will ride his bike. In my mind, I'm exercising, getting fresh air and sunshine, and spending time with the family.

- **Hiking** — Once again, you can get a physical workout while spending time with the family, plus learning about new areas, too.

- **Yoga** — This is great in that it combines flexibility with strength endurance, and also works with meditation which helps with stress reduction.

- **Tai chi** — Also encourages strength endurance and flexibility.

- **Gardening** — Not only benefits physically but mentally as well.

- **Bicycling, rowing, dancing, swimming, golfing**, and many other activities are helpful in combining the three aspects of health: flexibility, strength, and aerobic activity.

If you are involved in a hobby that doesn't utilize aerobic activity that much (for example, golf), then it would be important to introduce walking or biking into your schedule. Stretch prior to any activity to incorporate flexibility.

Try to participate in an activity you enjoy doing, then you'll have the added benefits of positive mental attitude. And as we all know, attitude is everything!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

Support Groups, Courses, And Programs At Noble

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, July 22nd, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

At this meeting, information will be shared about the National Stroke Association.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, June 28th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Lynne Jasak, M.S.R.D., will speak to the group about nutrition and the diabetes patient.

COURSES/PROGRAMS:

Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes": Mondays, July 13th and June 20th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program, presented by Joe Barako, R.N. and Certified Hypnotherapist, utilizes hypnosis to eliminate your desires for smoking and allow you to forget cigarettes forever.

The registration fee is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session. Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required.

To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, July 15th and July 22nd, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In Noble Hospital's Education Department (Ground Floor).

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, July 30th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic, athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

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You Can Save A Life By Knowing Boating Safety

The American Red Cross offers the following summer safety tips regarding boating safety:

- **Learn to swim.** The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim. This includes anyone participating in any boating activity. The American Red Cross has swimming courses for people of any age and swimming ability. To enroll in a swim course, contact your local Red Cross Chapter.

- **Alcohol and boating don't mix.** Alcohol impairs judgement, balance, and coordination — over 50 percent of drownings result from boating incidents involving alcohol. For the same reasons it is dangerous to operate an automobile while under the influence of alcohol, people should not operate a boat while drinking alcohol.

- **Look for the label.** Use Coast Guard-approved life jackets for yourself and your passengers when boating and fishing.

- **Develop a float plan.** Anytime you go out in a boat, give a responsible person details about where you will be and how long you will be gone. This is important because if the boat is delayed because of an emergency, becomes lost, or encounters other problems, you want help to be able to reach you.

- **Find a boating course in your area.** These courses — offered through the Red Cross, U.S. Power Squadron, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Sailing, etc. — teach about navigation rules, emergency procedures, and the effects of wind, water conditions, and weather.

- **Watch the weather.** Know local weather conditions and prepare for electrical storms. Watch local news programs. Stop boating as soon as you see or hear a storm.

For further information on boating safety, contact the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross at 506 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA 01104, (413) 737-4306.

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Winners Of Youth Art Exhibit At Junior Women's Crafts Fair

The Agawam Junior Women's Club held a youth art exhibit on June 6th to coincide with its annual Arts & Crafts Fair. A variety of artwork was shown, including several pieces of sculpture.

The following winners were given ribbons:

Eighth Grade Sculpture — First-place winner was Vinnie Tirone, second-place winner was Amanda Lemieux, and third place was awarded to Kevin Toto.

Seventh/Eighth Grade — First-place winner was Sean Gochleri, second-place winner was Nicole Gendrea, and third place was awarded to Suzanne Dudley.

Sixth Grade — First-place winner was Mallori Grimaldi, second-place winner was Alex Alvanos, and third place was awarded to Matthew Hartmann.

Fifth Grade — First-place winner was Chris Graveline, second-place winner was Matthew Sadowski, and third place was awarded to Michael Brouillette.

Elementary — First-place winner was Taylor Hartmann.

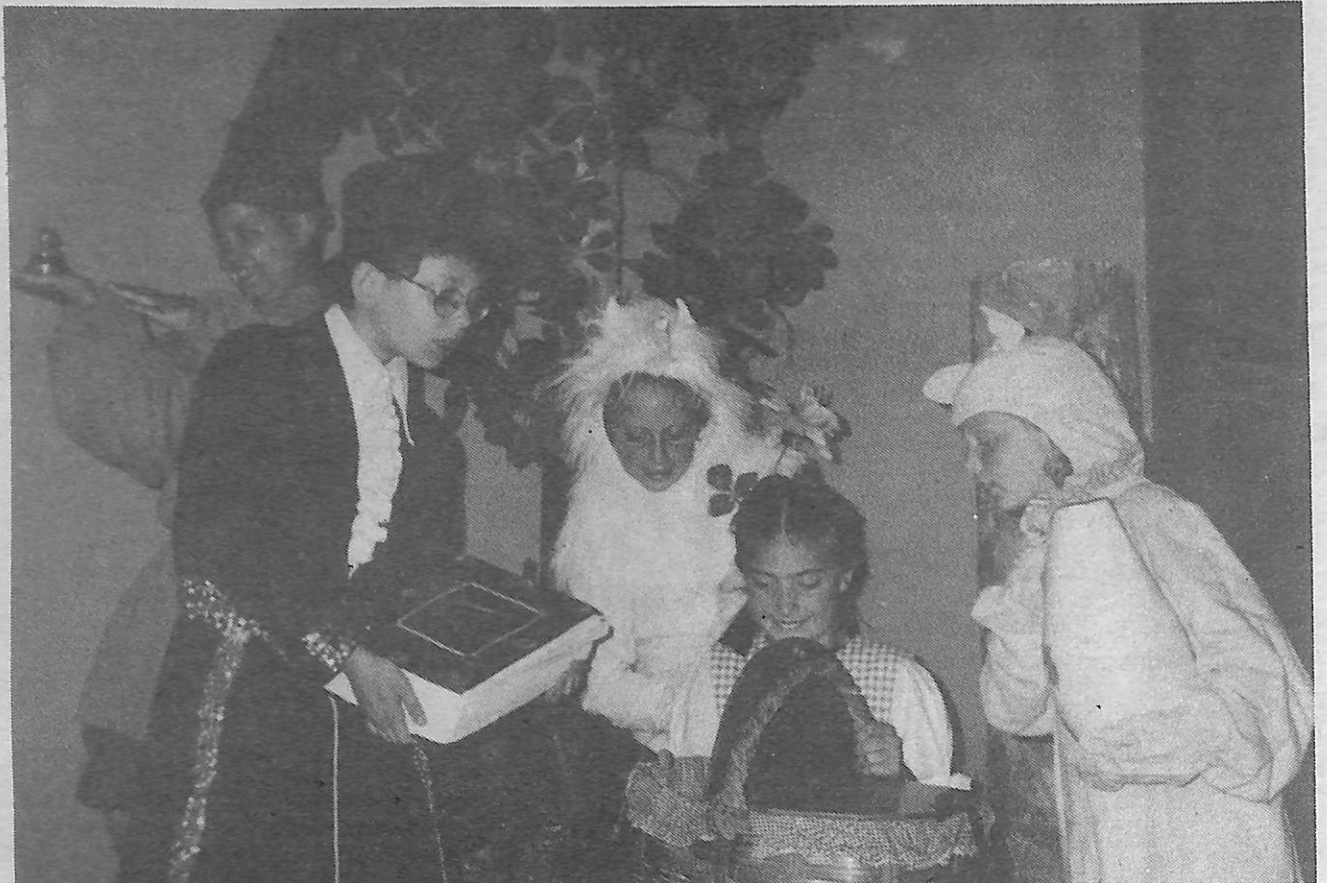
The Agawam Junior Women's Club wishes to thank all of the participants of this exhibit. The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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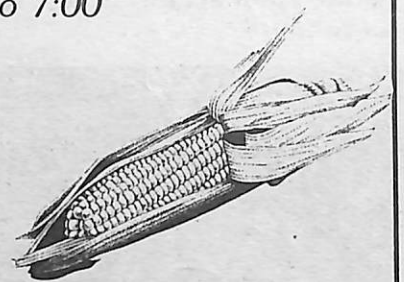
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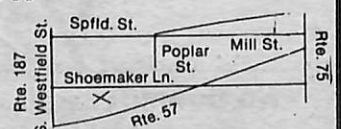
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Agawam Golden Age Club's Chapter 2 Holds Chicken BBQ

On Wednesday, July 1st, Perry McCobb, President of Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, welcomed everyone to the chapter's Annual Chicken Barbecue that was held at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

McCobb's welcome was followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance," and Chaplain Leanore Dion was introduced to offer a prayer and the blessing of food.

A delicious charcoal-broiled chicken meal was served by the Shaker Farms chefs. The excellent dinner was topped off by everyone making their own ice cream sundae.

Following dinner, McCobb thanked the following members of the Barbecue Committee: Edward Grimes (table arrangements), Arthur & Eileen Collier, Barbara Sherry (ticket sales), Mary Spinelli (ticket punches), and Virginia Lake (entertainment).

Club members having birthdays during the month of July were recognized by singing the traditional "Happy Birthday."

Entertainment was provided by the Melody Band from the Agawam Senior Center.

At the conclusion of the program, everyone joined in singing "God Bless America."



AT THE ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2: standing - Rose M. Andruss, Peggy Bonavita, Mary Morassi, and Marilyn Morassi; seated - Edward Morassi, Bruna Morassi, and Val Swiderski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN PHOTO ABOVE: Al D'Agostino and Louis Scherpa (back row), and Barbara D'Agostino and Louise Scherpa. IN PHOTO BELOW: Jim Birchall (standing), Ruth Parady, and Willis Parady. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 2's Barbecue Committee (from left to right): Virginia Lake, Mary Spinelli, Eileen Collier, Art Collier, Barbara Sherry, and Edward Grimes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AHS's Class Of 1953 Holds 45th Reunion...



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1953 held its 45th class reunion on June 27th at the West Springfield Lodge of Elks. An old-fashioned New England clambake (with steamers, lobster, steak, and corn-on-the-cob in abundance) was catered by Elegant Affairs. In left photo: reunion committee members Ellen Dzienisz, Joe August, Barbara Rovelli, Jerry Fogg, Gail Bates, Lois Ruby, Janet Wysocki, and Bev Tetreault. In right photo: class members who travelled the farthest to the reunion. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



"SAY CHEESE!!!": Members of the AHS class of 1953 enjoyed themselves at the clambake and are looking forward to their 50th reunion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

13th Airborne Division Association To Hold 17th Annual Reunion

The 13th Airborne Division Association is searching for anyone who served with the 13th Airborne Division during World War II.

The Association will be holding its 17th annual reunion in St. Louis, Missouri, from September 9 through 13, 1998.

For information about the Association and the reunion, please contact: John R. Scott, Secretary, P.O. Box 1372, Shawnee Mission, KS telephone (913) 722-1143.

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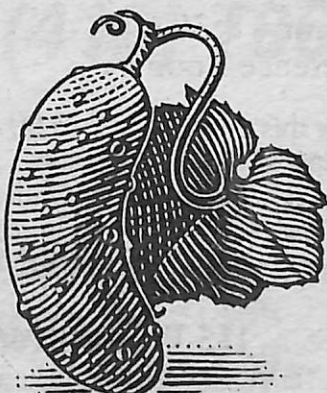
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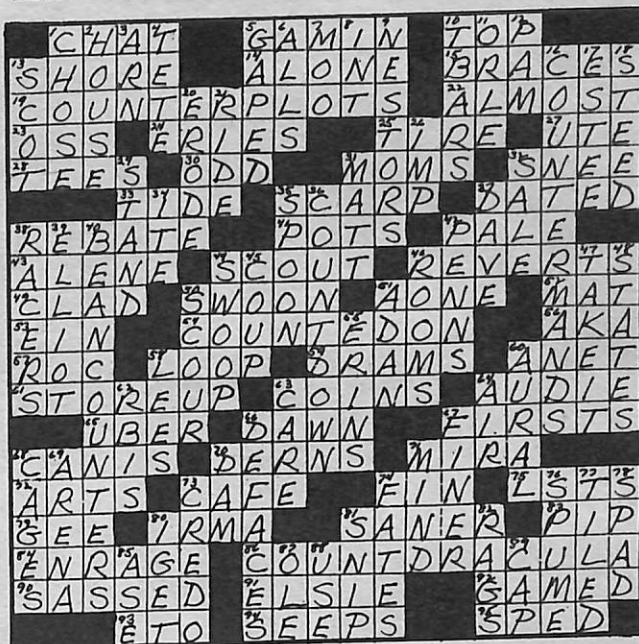
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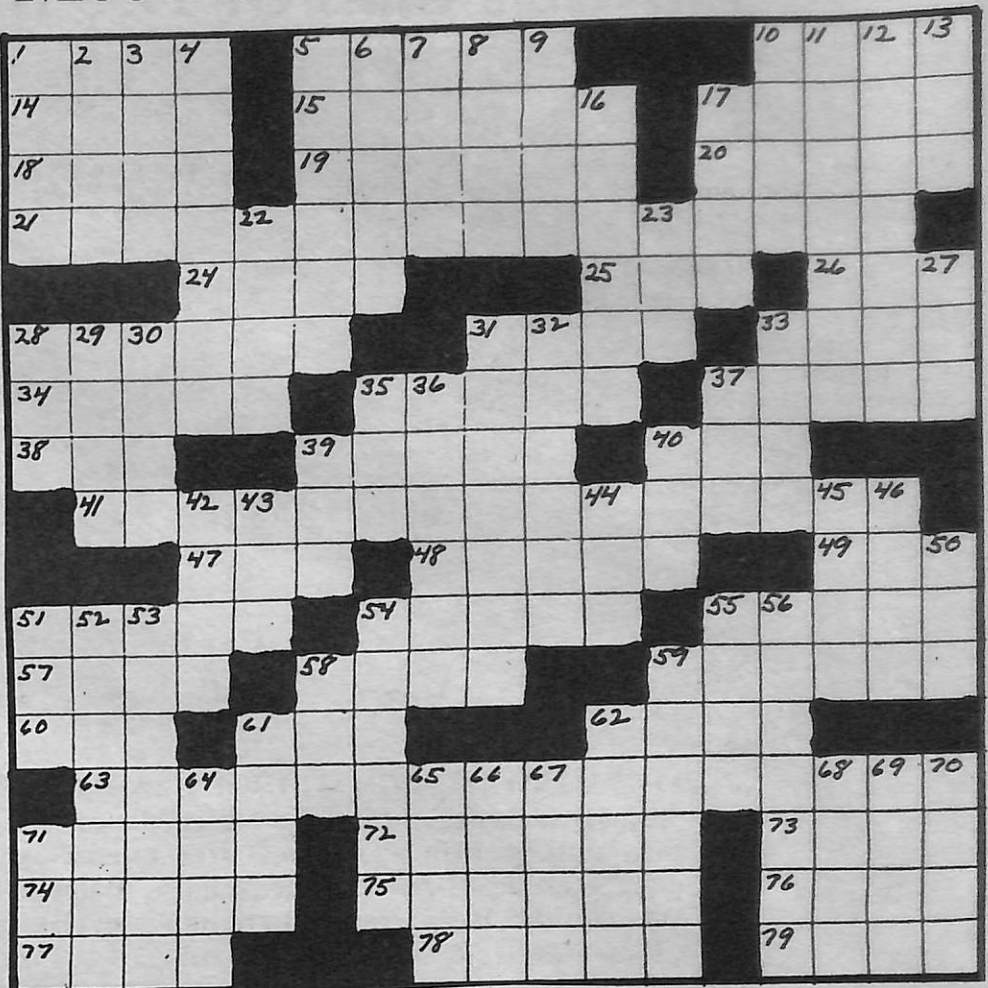
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59 Nastier
60 Popular street name
61 Monk's title
62 Ooze
63 Deane and Otis
71 Committed theft
72 Comedian May
73 The way out
74 On edge
75 "— Dan"
76 Nevada gaming city
77 Existence (Lat.)
78 ESP users
79 Break in two
- DOWN**
1 Poet Teasdale
2 Work by 1D
3 Actress Baxter
4 Head for the hills?

Last Week's Solution...



- 5 "— out" (crazy)
6 Regions
7 Love follower
8 Peron et al
9 Dole or ration out
10 Artist Joan
11 Startled
12 Adverse critics
13 Asner and Sullivan
16 "— The Clowns"
17 Alaskan island
22 Roadside stops
23 Prado contents
27 Lovers' pitch
28 Certain drs.
29 "Shake —"
30 Sunday newspaper insertion
31 Offer comfort
32 "Wax — cold"
33 Against
35 Pub potable
36 Movie canine
37 Swiss river
39 Type of wood
40 Bonn's land
- 42 Tight end's miscue
43 Forbid
44 Barker and Kettle
45 Shaving area
46 General's "Go-Fer"
50 Through
51 Mine find
52 Concur
53 Legal serving
54 Endowed with
55 Andy Capp's beverage
56 Foils
58 Three (prefix)
59 Parking machines
61 At loose ends
62 More rational
64 "Or —" (warning)
65 Word of woe
66 Back of the neck
67 Pan's instrument
68 The "yokes" on them
69 Singer Turner
70 Cease
71 Female saint

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Area Residents Earn Awards From 1998 WestFest

The following area residents were recently honored for their artistic efforts at the 1998 edition of WestFest.

Jamie Beth Borkosky of Feeding Hills won a visual arts scholarship sponsored by the Neighbor to Neighbor Club. Jamie, who will be entering ninth grade this September, enjoys art, softball, skiing, and piano.

Melinda Russo of Feeding Hills received the first place award for "Best In Sculpture." Melinda has just finished her freshman year at Agawam High School and enjoys physical exercise as well as the arts.

Tracy Jennifer Butler of Feeding Hills, a member of Agawam High School's class of 1998, earned first place in the "Best In Drawing" category, as well as the Mary A. Hibert visual arts scholarship (given by Larry and Mary Brady, Friends of WestFest). Tracy will be entering Elms College this September and will be majoring in biology and minoring in art.

Justin David Casinhino of Agawam, who graduated from AHS in 1996, earned a music scholarship sponsored by United Cooperative Bank. Justin, who'll be a junior at the Hartt School of Music this fall, majors in music composition and jazz performance. He also conducts private lessons in woodwinds, piano, and voice.

WestFest is a non-profit cultural program originally developed by the Westfield Arts Council. Funding is provided in part by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as support from community groups, businesses, and individuals.



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This lecture, which will be conducted by George Lagos of West Springfield, will help you to see how astrology can help you to know your life purpose, and how astrology is related to chakras and rays. Also, using the chart of the United States (July 4, 1776), Lagos will show what might happen in our country and the world in the next few years.

Lagos, who has been practicing astrology for 24 years, has written a book and a newspaper column on sun signs, and has taught astrology at Springfield Technical Community College and Western New England College.

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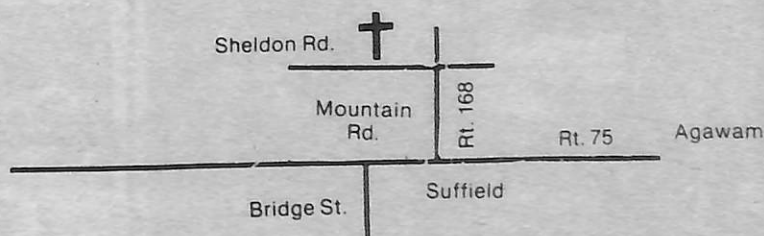
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Education

First-Grade Winners Of Father's Day Coloring Contest

Congratulations to the Agawam first-graders who won the Agawam Junior Women's Club's annual Father's Day coloring contest. There were many creative entries submitted from the first-grade classrooms. Three winners from each elementary school were chosen.

Contest winners from James Clark School were **Lindsay Caroleo**, first place; **D.J. Sapelli**, second place; and **Kaitlyn Douglas**, third place.

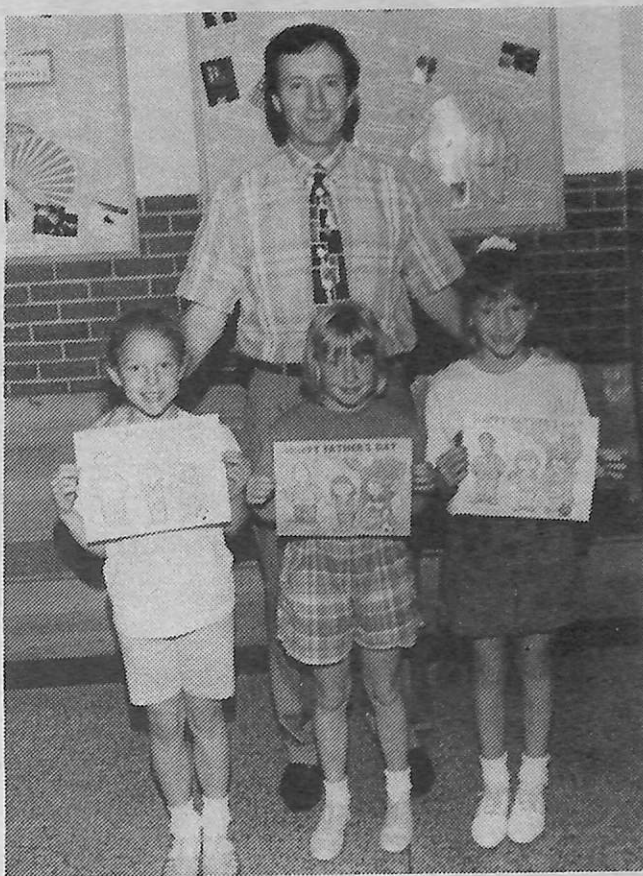
Granger School winners were **Teddy Daigneau**, first place; **Kimmy Lynch**, second place; and **Jamie Colburn**, third place.

Phelps School winners were **Megan Chapman**, first place; **Elizabeth Macfadzen**, second place; and **Nicole Proulx**, third place.

Robinson Park School winners were **Nicole Waterman**, first place; **Nicole Bouley**, second place; and **Meghan McGuire**, third place.

Prizes for the contest were graciously donated by the following businesses: **Sand Trap Mini Golf**, **E.B.'s Specialty Chicken Restaurant**, **Stan's Soft Serve**, and **Bickford Family Restaurants**.

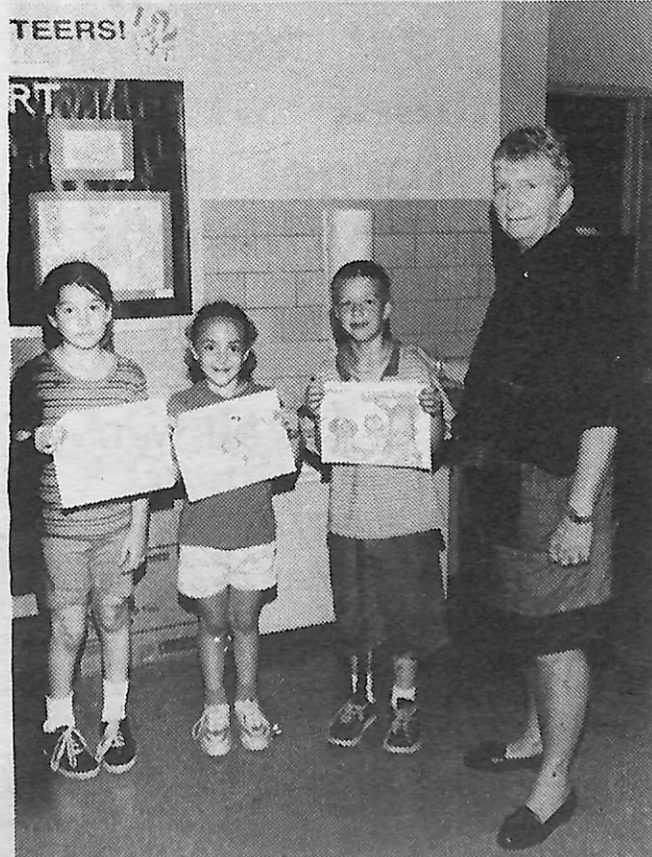
The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Principal William Sapelli with Robinson Park School's Father's Day coloring contest winners. IN RIGHT PHOTO: The Phelps School winners with Principal Robert Farrell. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



IN PHOTO ABOVE: The Father's Day coloring contest winners at Clark School with Principal Sandra Howard. IN PHOTO BELOW: Principal Phyllis Lewis with the contest winners from Granger School. The annual contest is sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Locals Honored At Student Recognition Ceremony At Western New England College

Agawam and Feeding Hills residents were among those who were honored during the recently held 1998 Student Recognition Ceremony at Western New England College.

Mark W. Deveno of 18 Morningside Circle, Feeding Hills, received the George Thompson Memorial Scholarship from the School of Law.

Kathleen A. Hudzikiewicz of 5 Carmel Lane, Feeding Hills, received a Katherine M. Scholarship from the School of Law. She is the daughter of Daniel and Nancy Hudzikiewicz of Feeding Hills.

Cristina M. Ianello of 29 Lakeview Circle, Agawam, was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society, the national honor society for business administration students. She is the daughter of Filomena Depergola of Agawam.

Kelli E. Lawrence of 34 Kanawha Avenue, Agawam, was a recipient of the Joanne Grummel Memorial Scholarship from the School of Law. She is the daughter of David and Claire Lawrence of Agawam.

Alexandra P. Schoolcraft of Agawam received the High Scholastic Achievement Award from the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society, the national honor society for business administration students.

Western New England College is a private, coeducational institution located on a 185-acre suburban campus in Springfield, MA, with an additional 16 sites throughout the Commonwealth.

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Summer sessions are also available Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Local Students On Rensselaer's Spring Dean's List

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced the names of students who made the Institute's Dean's List for the spring 1998 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who maintain grade point averages of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C."

Among those students named to the Dean's List were the following Feeding Hills residents:

Pamela Marie Eaton, a freshman majoring in environmental science; **Ryan D. Henderson**, a junior majoring in civil engineering; **Paul Daniel Lalli**, a freshman majoring in computer science; and **Richard Steven Skowyra II**, a freshman majoring in engineering.

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer is the nation's oldest degree-granting technological university. "U.S. News & World Report" has consistently ranked Rensselaer among the top 50 "national" universities in the country, and has consistently listed its graduate engineering program among the top 15.

Rensselaer is an international leader in the development of new, interactive approaches to undergraduate education, and it attracts students from around the world for technology-oriented programs in five schools: Engineering, Science, Management, Architecture, and Humanities and Social Sciences.

Rensselaer is considered an international leader in a range of fields, including: electrical and computer engineering; robotics; industrial and applied mathematics; physics; chemistry; aeronautical engineering; materials engineering; lighting research; technical communication; and management and technology.

Rensselaer is an independent, coeducational, nonsectarian university with approximately 4,000 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students.

Local Students Attain Dean's List At UMass Amherst

Dean of Students Jo-Anne Vanin has announced the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List for the 1998 spring semester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better on a four-point scale.

"Providing opportunities for academic growth and achievement is one of the University's highest priorities; I am pleased to recognize those students who earned Dean's List honors," said University Chancellor David K. Scott. "Such outstanding performance is a source of pride and credit to the entire University community."

The following local students were named to the University of Massachusetts Dean's List for the 1998 spring semester:

* **From Agawam:**

Martin E. Giroux, **Mark D. Gregor**, **Sean T. LaChance**, **Deborah J. McKenna**, **Jason G. Panier**, **Charles A. Shattuck III**, and **Jennifer J. Stratton**.

* **From Feeding Hills:**

William J. Bates, **Michelle S. Butler**, **Michael F. Freeman**, and **April M. Rapa**.



THESE PRESCHOOL STUDENTS recently "graduated" from The Bambi School, which will be starting its 32nd year of operation this fall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Carolyn M. Clini Receives Labor Scholarship

Agawam High School graduate Carolyn M. Clini was recently named the 1998 recipient of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 98 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The award was presented Thursday, May 7th, at the 40th Annual Scholarship Awards Program of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

Clini, a Feeding Hills resident, is planning to attend Westfield State College in the fall.

She was one of more than 2,000 Massachusetts

high school graduates to participate in the Massachusetts AFL-CIO scholarship program.

The Massachusetts AFL-CIO and affiliated unions this year awarded more than \$370,000 in scholarship funds to high school seniors from across the state. These scholarships are available to all high school seniors and are awarded on the basis of the students' scores on a labor history exam and written essay.

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"Band Time Concert" At AHS

Recently, the Agawam school bands from grades five through 12 performed their "Band Time Concert" at Agawam High School.

The following student musicians participated in this performance:

AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE FIVE BAND

Flutes: Emily Gordon, Carrye Martin, Sophia Nasti, Jacquelyn Lear, Kelly Follis, Jamie Spear, Marissa Wynne, Diana Dziardziel, Kristan Heaton, Jillian Joyce, Courtney Moren, Melanie Sampson, Alexandra Ivey, Karyn Gottardi, Christine Cassidy, Courtney Barbieri.

Clarinets:

Megan Quinlan, Sea'mus Moran, Angela Pandolfi, Kristen Laliberte, Amber Taylor, Christina Haire, Emily Greaney, Emily Lathrop, Andrea Doulakis, Amy Osgood, Catherine Andrews, Holly O'Meara, Brittany Devoe, Sarah Rollins.

James Lewin, Alison Stanton, Mary Gottardi, Jessica Lalli, Barbara Brizzolari, Courtney Garrett, Jim Nahajlo, Kristen Pfau, Ashley Morris, Kathryn Kozikowski, Jessica Phillips, Nicole Struck, Susan Jenney, Rachel Mason, Jamie Cullen, Sara Mantha, Victoria Littlefield, Lisa Padla, Teresa Murphy.

Trumpets:

Nathan Little, Joseph McCarthy, Matthew Campana, Kevin Pender, Brian Simpson, Benjamin Kochanowski, Jeffrey Roberts, Marc Pereira, Robert Morgan, Nicholas Alvanos, Christopher Lizotte, Jeffrey Walker, Christopher McKenney, Erik Jensen.

Trombones:

Erik deLiefde, Daniel Lizotte, Jeff Berselli, Susan Krapf, Douglas Dreyer, Danielle Glantz, Bradford Martin.

Percussion:

Stacy Boisvert, Andrew King, Alex Shibley, Gregory Donaldson, Abriana Spagnoli, William Day, Danielle Robichaud, Adam Corbin, Noelle Serafino.

Saxophones:

Andrew Jensen, Ryan Walsh, Emily Siedlik, Michael Landry, Nicholas Jacks, Ashley Richards, Russell Linder, Katie Tapply, Ryan McLane.

AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE SIX BAND

Piccolo: Jennifer Epaul.

Flutes:

Heather Adams, Jennifer Epaul, Megan Gloster, Sarah Hersey, Tammy Lee, Allison Peters, Allyson Sekula, Megan Smith, Kerry Tompsett.

Clarinets:

Alexander Alvanos, Joanne Brignoli, Danielle Borsari, Tami Burmeister, Erica Dominguez, Kaitlin Gallagher, Whitney Greene, Kendall Hill, Sarah Huffman, Katie Knodler, Celena Knowlton, Jillian Kos, Michael LaBorde, Christina Metcalf, Sarah Meiers, Pavlina Moysis, Courtne Ober, Kristen Ott, Joseph Renaud, Kyla Roberts, Angela Stork, Brandon Tassone, Felicia Tran, Timothy Walker.

Bass Clarinets:

Danielle Borsari, Courtne Ober.

Alto Saxophones:

Brian Athas, Brendan Cayer, Patrick Coffey, Marc Maloney, Jason Matteson, Adam Smith, Ja-waan Wright.

Tenor Saxophones:

Elizabeth Couture, Patricia Sheehan.

Trumpets:

Dennis Aceto, Brendan Cavanaugh, Jesse Clauson, Matthew Greco, Steven Kane, Nicholas Lyman, Roger Martin, Brianne Nicklav, Brenton Reveruzzi, Nicole Roy, Kyle Sullivan, Jessica Tully, Samuel Young.

Trombones:

Matthew Hayden, Colleen Knight, Timothy Lawlor, Lisa Ruhl, Jeffrey Sylvain, Michael We-nle.

Euphonium:

Thomas Wezniak.

Percussion:

Amanda Bruno, David Duplessis, Matthew Hartmann, Jeffrey Sabola, Shane Suffriti.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH CONCERT BAND

Flutes:

Kelly Cassidy, Angelina Cortese, Kara Dominick, Stefanie Fede, Elizabeth Gottardi, Jacqueline LeGrand, Jennifer Orenstein, Elizabeth Perry, April Rondeau, Molly Schlagel, Jenna Shea, Jessica Stano, Catherine Sheehan.

Sara Tremblay, Ashley Blanchard, Alexis Chretien, Ashleigh Chrusciel, Carlie Colson, Andrea Conte, Kelly Curry, Elizabeth Haire, Rachel Keenan, Kristan LaGuercia, Ashley Marek, Christopher Martin, Shannon McDyer, Nina Murray, Courtney Poirier, Salema Sekkal, Allison Siedlik, Angeline Simone.

Clarinets:

Kimberly Chmura, Jennifer Dobise, Hilary Golas, Jennifer Grimaldi, Sarah Longtin, Alyson Nowell, Jessica Roy, Suzanne Svadeba, Carrie Yon, Sabrina Brizzolari, Nichole Circosta-Aspinall, Kate Horniak, Jocelynn Kraus, Michael McGeoghan, Sara Roy, Amanda Rozanski, Alfon-



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND in performance during the recently held "Band Time Concert" at AHS. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

so Santaniello, Alexandra Simmons, Christina Sticco, Patrick Walsh, Andrew Wynne.

Bass Clarinets:

Alicia St. Peter, Kevin Fleming.

Baritone Horns:

Scott Drenzek, Chad Farrington.

Tubas:

Larry Scafuri, Sebastian Verelst.

Trumpets:

Daniel Augur, Matthew Duplessis, Michael Follis, Nick Linares, Christopher Polek, Adam

Tapply, Kevin Athas, Ashley Brodeur, William Cochran, Jenny Leary, Justin Lepard, Erin McLane, Eric McLaughlin, Paul Pilegi, Maureen Quinlan, David Reynolds, Brian Sojkowski.

Trombones:

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CONCERT - from Page 30...**Percussion:**

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Alto Saxophones:

Lissa Asta-Ferrero, Casey Cavanaugh, Karen Comee, Kathryn Feato, Nicole Jensen, Daniel Messier, Daniel O'Neill, Matthew Pereira, Jonathan Sikes, Adam Stacy, Gary Dionne, Kevin Grimaldi, Kerri Merriam, Cory Pedraza, Jeffrey Surprenant, Brittany Theriaque.

Tenor Saxophones:

Melissa Perry, Jay Yarymowicz, Michael Lalli.

Baritone Saxophones:

Ronald Messick, Matthew Stone.

Percussion:

Michael DeCaro, Eric Hastings, Andrew Huffman, Karl Konopka, Kimberly Landry, Joshua Martel.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND**Flutes & Piccolos:**

Kate Anderson, Laura Charest, Carolyn Cline, Amanda Cunningham, Alison Jackobek, Amy Jensen, Christina LaValley, Jennifer McGuire, Amy Richards, Paul Sawyer, Sarah Stevenson, Emily Tampone, Angela Tassinari.

Clarinets:

Becky Adams, Todd Baumann, Jennifer Fell, Jessica Hansen, Hillary King, Jessica Millot, Jessica Nolan, Michele Reynolds, Pam Sherry, Jennifer Smist.

Bass Clarinets:

Mario Santillo.

Bassoons:

Casey Gaulin, Geoff Krapf.

Oboes:

Danielle Sienkiewicz, Daryl St. Laurent.

Alto Saxophones:

Wayne Bonesteel, Jim Borowiec, Mary Manning, Shawn Sherry, Marjorie Bilodeau, Erik Sunny.

Tenor Saxophones:

Jessica DeGray, Valerie Cross.

Baritone Saxophone:

Dave Cassanelli.

French Horns:

John Bitgood, Mike Federico, Glenn Hill, Mike Krapf, Arthur VonMarshall.

Trumpets:

Bill Campana, Tim Chretien, Christina Climo, Kevin Cornwell, Brian Dettman, Steve Duplessis, Justin Gorman, Mike Grudecki, Joe Heneghan, Michael Krapf, Patrick Lennon, Ryan Leppard, Christopher Tedone.

Trombones:

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Bass Trombone:

Ryan White.

Baritones:

Dan Boissonneault, Dan Hendrix.

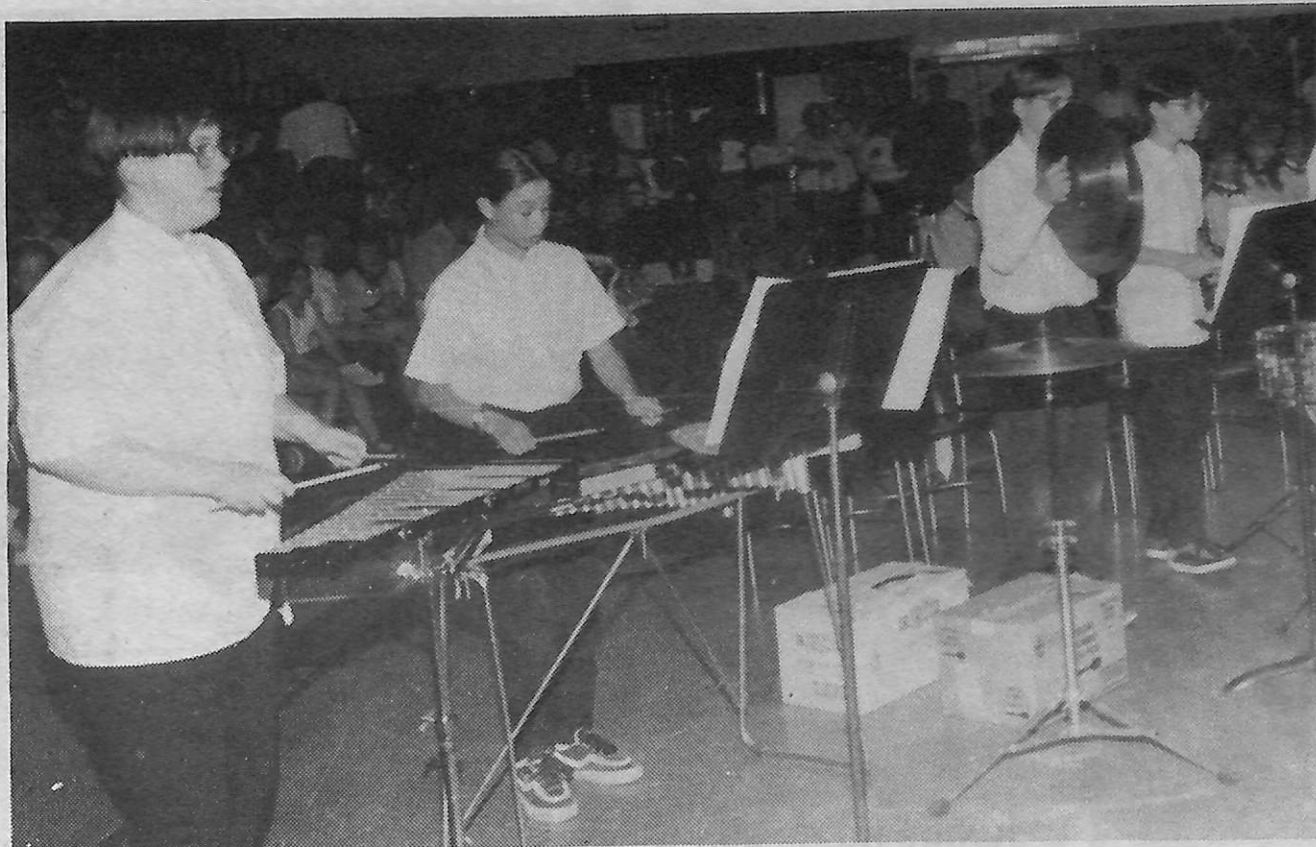
Tubas:

Angela Gontozaruk, Jason Kibby, Matt Norris, Dan Shaw.

Percussion:

Tony Albro, Donald Berthiaume, Mark Berthiaume, Pete Drewniak, Brian Gross, Vanessa Januska, Evan Konopka, Robin Przybyla, Tim Ranstrom, Shelley Rose, Ryan Stack, Brad Tilden, Chris Trevethan.

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STUDENT MUSICIANS (above and below) from the bands at Agawam Middle School, the Junior High School, and Agawam High School participated in the "Band Time Concert," which recently took place at AHS. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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JUNIOR HIGH "NON-USERS" satisfied their "sweet teeth" at Peterjans Gourmet Ice Cream Shop (from left to right): Nicole Gutowski, Aimee Beaudette, Vicky Taylor, Patrick Walsh, Bill Cochran, and Kevin Fleming. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Junior High "Non-Users" Are Rewarded For Fulfilling Their "Contracts"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It's the kind of gang parents hope their young and impressionable teens will want to join. Members pledge themselves to a code of conduct, participate in activities that have become rituals over the years, and carry identification cards proving their status as "gang" members.

Recently, about 40 Junior High students joined their teacher advisors for the Non-Users Club's year-end ritual; a trek to Peterjans Gourmet Ice Cream Shop in Feeding Hills Center for a free dish or cone of ice cream. It's just one of the sweet rewards enjoyed by the nearly 350 students who signed contracts pledging to abstain from tobacco, alcohol, and drugs; to set a good example for others and to avoid people, places, and situations where drugs and alcohol are being illegally used.

Jokingly referring to the Non-Users Club as "our gang," faculty advisor Jim Ryan said, "What we're doing is creating a positive peer pressure group at the Junior High. When the kids see that 350 of their classmates are signing contracts to avoid drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, they can see that not everybody drinks and does drugs."

Advisor Gerald O'Malley said the kids have had a good year enjoying activities like open swim and gym, a video dance extravaganza, a Springfield Falcon's hockey game, and a trip to the Basketball Hall of Fame. But, the important thing is the contracts the kids sign each year promising to remain drug free and to avoid situations that could put them at risk from drugs and alcohol use, O'Malley said.

As they enjoyed their just desserts at Peterjans for living a healthy lifestyle and setting a good example, seventh graders Kevin Fleming, Patrick Walsh, and Bill Cochran agreed it's easy for them to live up the club's principles; they never want drugs or alcohol to control them; they want to spend time with other kids who don't use drugs, and it's a pretty good deal to be rewarded for doing what their parents want them to do.

Patrick said his parents are happy to see him participating in the Non-Users Club. "My dad is a teacher at the school and he just wants me to get

into all the activities I can to have fun and keep busy without smoking or drinking. It's easy to do all this fun stuff and all we have to do is not smoke or drink. I don't want drugs controlling me or making me want to use more."

For Kevin, being in the club is a way to meet friends who share his determination to remain drug free. "I've learned to stay drug free and to find friends and this will help me when I go on to college."

While the three friends had fun participating in the club's activities throughout the year, the boys learned some sobering truths about the toll in human suffering caused by the illegal use and abuse of alcohol and drugs at their last meeting of the year.

Before their trip to the ice cream shop, club members discussed their reasons for remaining drug-free over the summer and watched a film depicting the tragic results when a van containing 20 drunk teens collided with a car carrying a family.

"If people are acting stupid and drinking, they cause tragedies and that's something money

can't buy back," Bill said.

The tradition of walking to Peterjans to end the year on a sweet note began before he purchased the ice cream shop two years ago, but Yousef Al-Ryati intends to keep dishing up the frozen treats for the Non-Users. "This is a great program they were doing before I owned the business, and I wanted to keep it going for these kids," Al-Ryati said.

The Non-Users Club was developed by O'Malley and Ryan as part of their work on the Student Assistance Program several years ago. The two have been joined by social studies teacher Marie Mazza as the core group of advisors.

Also serving as club advisors were teachers Marion Barre, Wendy Bradley, Andrew Kraus, Debbie Lamotte, Paul Quinn, Donna Luciani, Kathleen Doody, Pam Skrobach, Eleanor Placzek, and school Nurse Mary McEwan.

The student Advisory Panel members were Matthew Couture, Renee Couture, Alyssa Goodrow, Brian Michel, Aimee Beaudette, Ashley Blanchard, Jodie Pfau, and Laura Zerra.

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MICHELLE TANGREDI

Michelle Tangredi Is Milford High's 1998 Valedictorian

Milford High School recently announced Michelle Margaret Tangredi of 3 Manoojian Circle, Milford, as the Valedictorian for the 237-member class of 1998.

Michelle is the daughter of David and Paula Tangredi, formerly of Agawam, and the granddaughter of Paul and Lucille Tatro of 58 Elbert Road, Agawam, and Dominick and Mary Tangredi of 583 Suffield Street, Agawam.

Valedictorian Michelle Tangredi will attend the College of the Holy Cross in the fall, majoring in Biology with the hopes of pursuing a concentration in Behavioral Psychology that will lead to a career in neuroscience.

She attained the high honor roll every term while in high school and is the recipient of the Principal's Award. She was awarded first place in the VFW Voice of Democracy Speech Contest, and has received the Harvard Book Award. She was named a Worcester County Superintendents' Association District Scholar, a Worcester Telegram & Gazette Student Achiever, and a Milford Area Chamber of Commerce Scholar.

Miss Tangredi will be receiving the Massachusetts Biotechnical Council Scholarship, The Ben Franklin Savings Annual Scholarship, several other local scholarships, as well as the Holy Cross Special Achievement Scholarship.

She was a four-year varsity member of the swim, indoor track, and outdoor track teams. She was captain of the indoor and outdoor track teams her senior year and recipient of the National Scholar Athlete Award.

She was president of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving), Vice-President of the Rainforest Alliance organization, and secretary of the National Honor Society. Miss Tangredi has also been a member of the CARE (Community Action Requires Everyone) organization, the Academic Decathlon Team, and the Spanish Club.

In addition to participation in many other school activities, Miss Tangredi has studied piano since the third grade, been a volunteer at Milford-Whitinsville Regional Hospital, served as lector at St. Mary's Church, and conducted an independent study on tropical rainforest ecology, coral reefs, and Mezo-American civilizations in Belize, Central America.

John Manning On Hamilton's Dean List

John Manning, the son of John and Helen Manning of Oak Lane in Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 1998 spring semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for earning an average of 90 or above during the term.

A rising senior majoring in government at Hamilton, Manning is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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Michael Kisielewski Earns Degree From George Washington

On May 17th, Michael Kisielewski of Main Street, Agawam, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor of arts degree in political science from George Washington University in Washington D.C.

He was a four-year Dean's List honoree and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society.

Kisielewski, a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School, is the son of Carole Settembro of Agawam and Ronald Kisielewski of Wethersfield, CT, and the grandson of Albert Settembro of Agawam and the late Albina Settembro.

He will pursue his master's degree in political science at the University of Massachusetts this fall.

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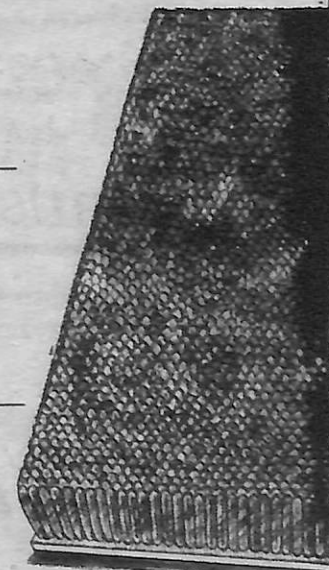
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A Six-Year Partnership...

Jr. High Teacher & MB Engineer Honored By Junior Achievement

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Just about every kid in Paul Quinn's seventh-grade geography class owned the game. Everyone had played with it. Recently, the kids discovered playing "Operation" is a lot easier than assembling it when three class members teamed up with an industrial engineer to form an assembly line to produce the game.

Project engineer Michael Doyle told the students the game has been a staple item for Milton Bradley since 1965.

At the East Longmeadow plant, assembly line employees work in teams of three to turn out 2,000 games an hour on the production line, averaging 13 seconds per game. Despite the enthusiastic encouragement from their classmates, the three-member team at the Junior High discovered it's no easy task to pop in lightbulbs, attach the motor and tweezers, and drop in the metal template as quickly and efficiently as possible. The students needed 39 seconds to get their game assembled, three times the average at the manufacturing plant.

"The time study demonstration we just did shows there are skills involved in putting this game together," Doyle told the class.

Doyle's visit to the Junior High School is one of the components of an award-winning Junior Achievement Program developed by Paul Quinn and Milton Bradley senior production planner Donald Prisby in a six-year partnership.

Recently, Quinn and Prisby were named Outstanding Educator and Volunteer Partnership for the Springfield area by Junior Achievement for going the extra mile to bring students the JA experience by giving up lunch hours, extending the required programming time, and putting in extra hours at school.

Neither Quinn or Prisby had an inkling that they would be receiving an award when they were invited to bring three students to speak about the JA experience at the annual luncheon meeting at Baystate Medical Center last month. But, both agreed the students would make fine examples of what JA helped them accomplish as the core group behind their class's success in running a school store last fall.

"... Businesspeople Listening To Our Students ..."

"At the luncheon, it was nice to see businesspeople listening to our students and thinking the future is not so bad as the scare headlines making people think schools are war zones. It's been great for me to work with kids who are intelligent, perceptive, and creative," Prisby said. "All the business and community leaders at the luncheon commented on how well the students presented themselves."

Perry Lane Seeks Assistant Teacher For Next School Year

Perry Lane Nursery School (a division of the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department) seeks an OCCS qualified assistant teacher to assist with observations, staff development, and curriculum.

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SALUTED BY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT: Don Prisby, Milton Bradley senior production planner; seventh-graders Eric McLaughlin, Chris Martin, and Suzanne Dudley; and Paul Quinn, Agawam Junior High School social studies teacher. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Student **Suzanne Dudley** described the life maps each student made to show the major events of their lives that have already taken place and to map out their goals for the future and how to achieve them. "My life map shows me getting degrees from Stanford in French and journalism," Suzanne said.

Student **Eric McLaughlin** spoke about the class field trip and tour through the Milton Bradley plant. "It was fun because we got to see how people work and how they do their jobs," Eric said. "Some of the factory jobs require a lot of skill."

Student **Chris Martin** explained how the class was able to convince the school's PTO of the need for a school store and obtain a \$200 loan as seed money to get the inventory to set up shop. Within a month of opening the store, the class had paid off its loan with the profits from selling pens, pencils, erasers, and highlighters during lunch period, Chris said.

"The way the school store took off was fantastic and those kids did a bang-up job," Quinn said. "All the kids learned so much about financing, marketing, advertising, and cash handling. It was a fantastic experience for them and we were able to close out the project with a \$200 profit to be donated to the Jimmy Fund."

Using Curriculum Provided By JA...

Using a curriculum provided by JA, Prisby met with one class once a week for a 12-week period in the fall, and then took on a second 12-week semester with a second class in the spring, Quinn said.

"It's amazing how much the kids have learned

and how much more business aware they've become," Quinn said. "They all look forward to Mr. Prisby's visit each week. JA is such a wonderful program. I knew it was going to be worthwhile for my kids."

Over the years, Prisby has brought human resource personnel, research and development engineers, and production engineers to the Junior High as guest speakers. He also arranges a tour of the East Longmeadow plant for the students to see what goes on in a manufacturing plant, the variety of opportunities for employment, and the levels of education necessary for each career path.

An Agawam resident, Prisby has a simple explanation for joining the JA partnership: he just enjoys working with kids. "I've done some teaching in the past and some coaching," Prisby stated. "I enjoy the kids and I look forward to coming here every week and I definitely will continue the partnership."

Quinn credits the success of their partnership to teamwork, putting in long hours on the project, and the great relationship that's developed between teacher and advisor over the last six years. "I encourage businesspeople to link up with JA for a really rewarding experience for business and for education," Quinn said.

This year, nearly 12,000 area school students participated in JA. At 100 local schools, 500 teachers teamed up with 500 business advisors to help students learn practical business economics.

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Middle School's Third Annual Literary Magazine "Authors"

Agawam Middle School fifth- and sixth-grade students were recently awarded a certificate and the third edition of *Inside the Classroom*, a literary magazine featuring the students' writings.

The creation of this magazine came about when a group of Middle School teachers were discussing how to motivate children to write. They came to the conclusion that a vehicle was needed to help young writers acquire readers beyond the writer and teacher.

In order to do this, they needed a sense of audience. The teachers' goal was for all Middle School students to have the opportunity to submit their creative writings for publication.

During the last week of school, the children were presented with the actual magazine at an awards assembly at the Middle School.

Then, on June 23rd at the School Committee's "Highlights in Education" segment, the children were given certificates for outstanding achievement.

The following students are now "published authors":

Fifth Grade:

Keith Barrington, William Bertrand, Christopher Berube, Barbara Brizzolari, Joe Caracciolo, Kristina Craaybeek, Erik de Liefde, Meredith Golbach, Ashley Gorman, Mary Lou Gottardi, Gina Graziano, Alexandra Ivey, Ben Kochanowski, Jessica Lapointe, Katelyn Lavalley, Lauren Liberti, Carrye Martin, Jenelle Masotti, Christopher McKenney, Jennifer Montagna.

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AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL fifth- and sixth-grade students (pictured above and below) are congratulated on becoming "published authors" by the Agawam School Committee during the committee's Tuesday, June 23rd meeting. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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AHS Girls' Softball...

Div. I Champs Send 4 Players To All-Western Mass.

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' softball team, champs of Division I Western Mass., placed four players on the first All-Western Mass. team: graduated seniors **Kristen Patterson** and **Amber Conte** (repeats), along with senior-to-be **Ali Jakobek** and junior-to-be **Dianna DiStefano**. It was a tour de force for the Western Mass. champions, who also had two seniors, **Steph Fleming** and **Amy Mastroianni**, on the second team.

Coach **Deb Lickley** had this to say about some of them: "So many people see them as great young athletes and look only at their stats. It goes so much beyond that. Kristen, Amber, Steph, and Amy are wonderful human beings. I say that because I mean it. They were that way as freshmen. They remained that way as my seniors. The kids coming up also have my respect. On this team, everything is earned. And when you earn it, the reward is sweet."

The kids bought what the coach had to sell — hard work, long practice sessions, an in-your-face confrontation here and there, and true success (three Western Mass. titles in the last four years). So many kids these days don't listen and carry around a big-time attitude. These kids listened and grabbed from way down deep the quality that makes you great. They believed in and played for their coach.

Patterson secured her fourth All-Western Mass. award. She is arguably the best all-around athlete to come out of Western Massachusetts. And yet Patterson is humble when you talk to her about her skills.

She had this to say concerning softball: "I think my best contribution was as a hitter. In my freshman year, I hit .520." In her freshman year, she also stole 30 bases and had 144 for her four-year school record as a varsity player. She was a force even then.

"My job, out of the lead-off position, which I did for most of my career, was to get on base," Patterson added. "I had so many people over the years who could get me around (the bases). They included Chris Bousquet, Courtne Hyland, Laura Rapa, Kate Vivenzio, and Kristen Schmaelzle."

Yet she won't say how good she was in the field. Over four years, she had 602 chances. Patterson came up with only 12 errors (fielding and throwing). That .989 fielding percentage would get her a gold glove in any league.

The best player she ever met was Courtne Hyland. "Courtne was our catcher when I was a sophomore. I never saw a better athlete than her," Patterson admitted.

Patterson will be at American International College in the fall on a full scholarship. "I'll play soccer and basketball. I don't know about softball. They will want me to concentrate on basketball, which I will do," she said.

Conte is arguably the best third baseman in Western Mass. She was named to the All-Western Mass. team for the second straight year. "Was I surprised? Of course. There are so many good players around here at that position. When the coaches told me at the banquet that I'd made the team, I almost melted. It was a great honor," Conte said.

Why did Conte make the squad? She said it this way: "I hit well, fielded well, and tried to be a leader. I tried to do everything Coach Lickley wanted me to do."

Conte feels her senior year on the varsity was the best. "This was my last year. We won Western Mass. It will never happen that way for me again. It will always be a great memory."

Conte, who was a solid, two-year starter for the varsity, feels the greatest player she ever experienced was Kristen Patterson. "We played on the left-hand side of the infield. We worked so well together," Conte said.

Jakobek, the junior pitcher, came about her award in a different way. "I was a sub last season. I came up to the varsity at the end of the year as a sophomore and sat on the bench. The tremendous



KRISTEN PATTERSON

energy of Coach Lickley and the kids on the team made me want to be with them, part of them. They were so good and so positive," she said.

Jakobek got her chance to pitch this year when junior ace Lindsay Mason went down with a back injury four games into the season. Jakobek recorded an 11-4 record, with two no-hitters and four shutouts.

She also credited her performance to her catcher, Dianna DiStefano. "Dianna called the games for me. She knew what pitches I had to throw," Jakobek said.

The fourth member of the Agawam All-Western Mass. squad is DiStefano. "I heard I'd made it at our banquet. Yeah, it was a big surprise. I was only a sophomore. There were so many good catchers in Western Mass.," she said.

DiStefano made the team despite being out for two weeks with a sprained shoulder. "I made my mark as a sophomore. I started out good. Every time I did well, it made me work even harder," she said.

DiStefano has played every position in the sport. "I played in the Sacred Heart League on a team managed by my dad. One day, he said, 'Get in there and catch.' I did and found out I loved that position," the tall catcher added. "You have to be tough to play it. I'm tough enough to handle that responsibility. I can see everything on the field. Catcher is a thinking person's position."

Jakobek sees DiStefano as her pitching coach on the field. There is something to it. "The first game I ever caught, Ali was my pitcher, way back in the Sacred Heart League."

DiStefano also caught Lindsay Mason. Her uncle, Mario Pagnoni, wrote a book on softball and ran a softball camp in Methuen. "I went there for three years straight after the Sacred Heart League. They told me, 'If you can catch and also hit, you'll have a full-time job in softball,'" DiStefano smiled.

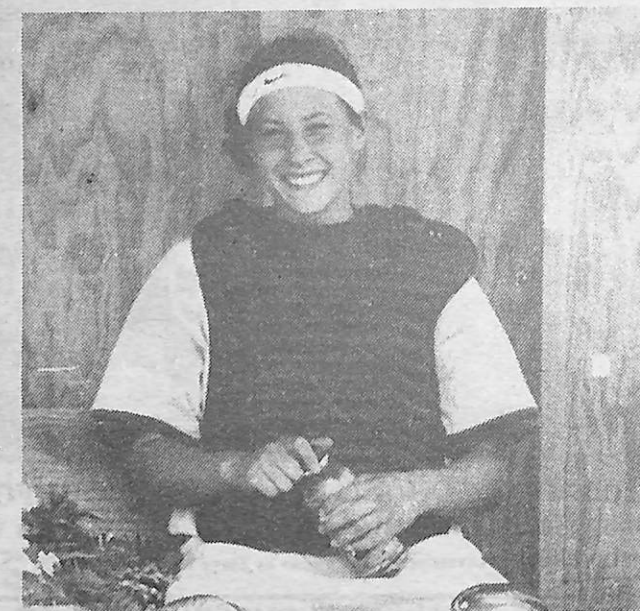
The Brownie catcher credits Lickley for her success as well. "She is an awesome person. The coach can be hard on you and easy. She treats the stars and the others the same. You want to play and give everything for her."



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Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League...

Brownie Girls Beat Holyoke Knights To Raise Their Record To 3-3

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam girls' soccer team, which plays in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League (high school division), had an impressive 2-0 win over Holyoke last week. That victory raised their record to 3-3 and showed the folks on hand some skills that will be needed when these kids compete for jobs with the varsity squad in the fall.

Holyoke came out big-time at the start. The Summer Knights were all over the Agawam goal. But the Brownies were tough. Behind some good defensive play turned in by Jill Gendron and some wicked wing work from juniors Gina Loudfoot and Ann Paquette, they stopped the threat and turned things around in the first five minutes.

Loudfoot and soon-to-be-junior Dianna DiStefano worked a right deal at the six-minute mark. Only some good work by the Holyoke defenders stopped what was a sure goal.

Things were even up with 9:50 gone. Junior Rachel Rodriguez, the sister of Agawam High boys' soccer star Rich Rodriguez, was playing some inspired defense. As a matter of fact, the whole Brownie defensive unit was stepping up. With 15:24 gone, Holyoke mounted an assault that had goal written all over it.

Brownie keeper Kaitlin White was tested by a Holyoke shot 20 feet in front. She hugged the ball for the save. Two minutes later, Holyoke got off another tester — a line drive from 50 feet off the left wing. White slid down and made her second quality denial.

Agawam, which had recently been kept from any attempt on the Holyoke net, got its opportunity at the 22:40 mark. Jennifer Marr took a shot from 30 feet on the right. It was tracked down by the Knight keeper, but the effort served notice as the locals took it to another level.

Keeping The Ball In Holyoke's Zone...

Courtney Adamczyk and Loudfoot kept the ball in the Holyoke zone. Davida Flynn and DiStefano applied the pressure. DiStefano was the big force as she worked the ball back in when Holyoke tried to get it out. With three minutes to go in the half, all the hard work paid off when Amanda Merola scored on a shot just outside the box on a perfect pass from Gendron. Agawam went up, 1-0.

The half ended with the Brownie hopefuls up by that score. Agawam had three shots on net. Holyoke had two.

Agawam had a new keeper for the second half as Franca Bonavita replaced White. Bonavita made a great save with three minutes gone. The Brownies came back 50 seconds later when Jess Dutton just missed a header. That effort rallied the Agawam offense.

Sheri Benton and Jen Lyman kept the ball in the Holyoke zone. That deal resulted in an Agawam score at the 10:50 mark. Marr shot a flip pass (five feet off the ground) to Loudfoot. Loudfoot saw a lane, but she was going to have to make a great shot to score. She flipped onto her back and executed an air kick. It was a Pele job all the way. The surprise, force, and speed of the shot from 30 feet in front got the Brownies their second goal of the game.

The kids (all of whom merit a good look when girls' soccer Coach Mary Murray gets back from her job at the Cape) will make up a skilled squad. Particularly impressive was the work by Merola, Marie Buendo, Loudfoot, and Benton.

Shots on goal for the second half: Agawam had five for a game total of eight; Holyoke had three for a total of five.

Chicopee Legion Takes Agawam, 4-2 At Szot Park

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam Legion Post 185 went up to Szot Park for a baseball game against Chicopee Post 452 last Friday. They were coming off a two-win, one-tie streak. Chicopee beat them, 4-2.

Agawam sent their little tough guy to the mound, Brady Martin. The kid deserved a better fate. He gave up three runs (two earned) in the first inning on three singles and a wild pitch. You could walk with his pitches, but Martin can spot them wherever he wants.

His mates tried to help him out. They scored a run in the second. Austin Kimball drew a lead-off walk. West Springfield High star Jeff Barker rammed a single to left, sending Kimball to third. First baseman Pat Renna hit into a 6-3 fielder's choice, sending Kimball across the plate. Agawam Post was on the board and going into the third down, 3-1, after Chicopee failed to score in the bottom of the second.

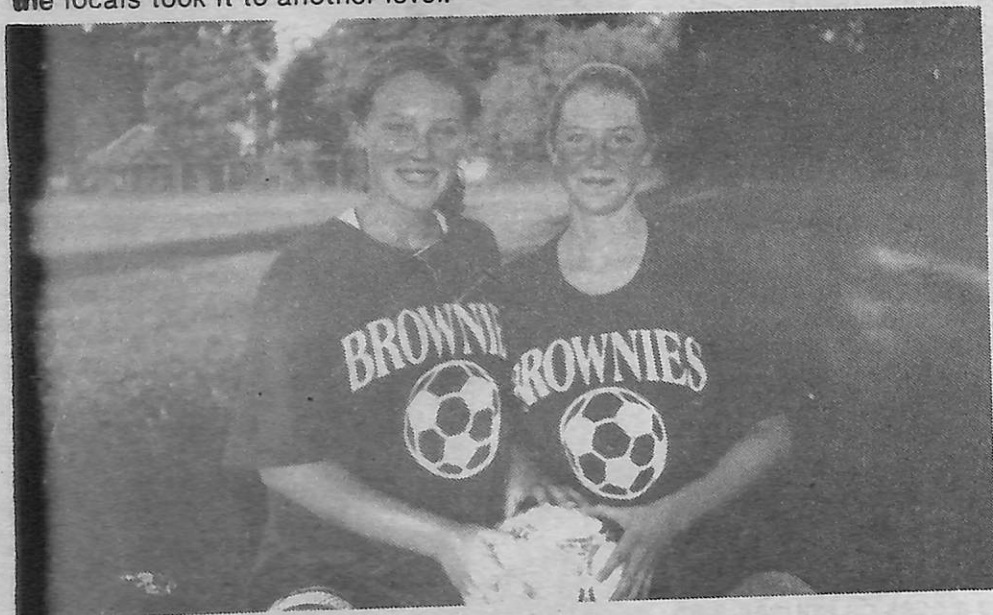
Agawam came back in the top of the inning to narrow the gap. Nick Stirlacci drew a one-out walk with a good eye on a 3-2 pitch. He promptly stole second. Mike Carney drilled one to left. Stirlacci scored, making it a 3-2 ballgame.

A lead-off walk, a single, and an error translated into another run for Chicopee in the bottom of the inning. They were up 4-2.

Martin would pitch the fourth, giving up nothing. Agawam Coach Howie Sawyer made the decision to introduce their ace reliever, Ryan White, in the fifth. He would give up no runs.

However, he was removed in the sixth with two on (via an error and a walk with no outs) by Brian

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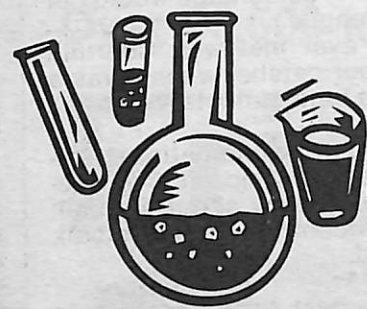


JENNIFER MARR (left) and GINA LOUDFOOT were two reasons why the Summer Brownie girls' soccer team defeated Holyoke last week, 2-0. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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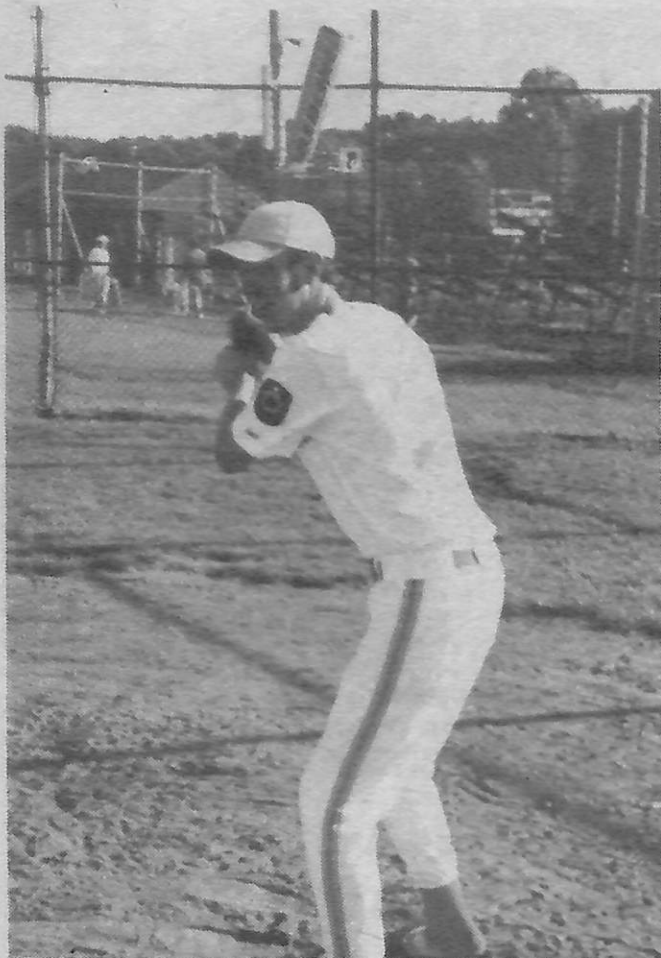
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KEVIN CORNWELL of Agawam Legion Post 185 had the game-winning hit against Palmer. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Agawam Bounces Back Against Palmer In Legion Baseball

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

After its loss to Chicopee, Agawam Legion Baseball Post 185 came back to beat one of the toughest teams in the Legion league — Palmer Legion.

The score was 6-5, and the whole thing wasn't decided until Agawam got its final at-bat Sunday afternoon up at Harmon Smith Field. Bill Collins, a star for Pioneer Valley during the high school season, got the pitching start.

Palmer scored first, ringing up two in the second inning on two singles and a triple. A throwing error led to another Palmer run in the third. Agawam was down 3-0 and in the early hole.

Palmer took a 4-0 lead in the fifth by scoring an unearned run via another Agawam throwing error.

Agawam scored in its half of the inning. With two outs, Brian St. Jean lofted a towering fly ball to deep center. The wind caught it and held it up long enough for the Palmer center fielder, lacking of the good shot at the ball, which fell in. The ball bounced out. St. Jean ended up.

Austin Kimball was next. The line drive hit bottom of left field line for a triple, scoring. Kimball then scored on a single up the line. The sixth inning saw Agawam score in the bottom of the sixth on a single by St. Jean. The seventh-inning heroics.

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Gut Check Time For Agawam...

Just before that, Coalley got into trouble in the top of the inning. After one out, Palmer loaded the bases on two singles and a walk. Agawam Coach Howie Sawyer went into the well again, calling on ace Brian St. Jean to put out the fire. A 4-3 ground out and a shot back to the hill did just that. Now gut check time was upon Agawam. They had to score three for extra innings and four for the win.

Mike Carney singled past third. Coalley put one into the shortstop and third base hole. St. Jean drew a walk to load the bases with no outs. Palmer threw in a new pitcher, Chad Cosby. Cosby promptly gave up a double to Kimball, scoring Carney and Coalley (5-4). Barker got an intentional walk.

Nick Stirlacci, showing a good eye on a 3-2 count, walked with the bases loaded and St. Jean crossed the plate, making the score 5-4. There were three ducks on the pond when shortstop Kevin Cornwell stepped into the box.

Cornwell, who'll be going to Worcester Polytech in the fall, slapped a high hopper towards second. It had eyes and skipped into right-center.

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Ted Riggott Wins Third At Riverside

Eddy Carroll III Wins Fourth In Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock Division

Ted Riggott took down his third win of the season on Saturday night, July 4th, at Riverside Park Speedway after capturing the 100-lap NAPA Modified feature. Riggott, of East Hartland, CT, took the lead with 32 laps remaining and took a commanding lead to the line over second-place finisher Dan Avery.

Rob Summers of Manchester, CT, maintained his lead in the overall point standings with his fourth-place finish. In the Budweiser Triple Crown Series standings, Summers enters into a tie for the lead with Avery.

Eddy Carroll III became the most prolific winner at Riverside Park in 1998 with his fourth victory of the year in the 100-lap Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock feature. It was the second win for Carroll in a 100-plus-lap event in 1998. Carroll also captured the 125 Pro Stock leg of the Budweiser Riverside 500 Team Race on May 23rd. With his win, Carroll took command of the Pro Stock portion of the Budweiser Triple Crown Series.

Chuck Docherty of Springfield, MA, earned his first victory of the season with a win in the 30-lap Teddy Bear Pools Truck feature. Docherty, who is also having a successful season at the Stafford Motor Speedway, took the lead early and survived a "green-white-checker" restart after a late caution to take down the win.

The Fourth of July program closed with a 25-lap Sportsman feature. Glen Reilly of Northford, CT, entered Victory Lane for the first time in 1998 after beating out Mitch Drewnowski for the win. Tony Keilty finished third, followed by Jon Waterhouse and Paul Mercadante in fifth.

Following the features, fans were treated to an exciting fireworks display over the scenic Connecticut River. Riverside Park Speedway now takes a weekend off and the NASCAR Winston Racing Series resumes on Saturday, July 18th.

Riverside Park Speedway has completed 56 NASCAR Winston Racing Series features with 46 different drivers earning victories. The \$6,000 Budweiser Triple Crown Series wraps up on Saturday, September 5th, with 150-lap features for the Modified and Pro Stock divisions.



Golf Tip Of The Week...

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Roll The Dice For Proper Hand Action

I'm often asked how the hands should work in the follow-through. Most weekend golfers think that pronation of the hands requires a conscious roll of the right hand over the left. The result is either a hook or a snap-hook.

To encourage the correct hand action, I have the student develop an image of throwing dice onto a crap table with his left hand. Thus, the tendency to overuse the right hand is diminished, and the player's hands work properly, with the left hand in control all the time.



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AGAWAM HIGH BASEBALL STAR BRIAN ST. JEAN is pictured with Cincinnati Reds Scout John Walsh at Szot Park in Chicopee. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



AUSTIN KIMBALL (left) and **DAVE SCHUBACH** (right) participated in a tryout camp sponsored by the Cincinnati Reds at Szot Park. Reds Scout John Walsh is also in photo. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Three Agawam High Baseball Players Live A Dream At Invite-Only Cincinnati Reds Tryout

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Major League Baseball is always looking for talent. They will go the length and width of America, and into other countries to find it.

Last Monday, the Cincinnati Reds scouting staff touched down in Western Massachusetts. They held a tryout camp up at Chicopee's Szot Park. It was by invitation only. Fifty hopefuls showed up. Three of them were from the Agawam High baseball program, including soon-to-be-junior pitchers Brian St. Jean and Dave Schubach, and graduated senior Austin Kimball.

St. Jean explained how he got the invite. "The scouts were at our game against Central. They were there to check out Pat Strange. I guess they liked what I did," he said. Indeed, the scouts, from many teams, had their Juggs guns out. There were interested in Strange, but the velocity of the Brownie sophomore also got a look.

"I threw in the 87- to 88-mile range against Central," said St. Jean. He pitched 10 strong innings in what would end up being an 11-inning, 3-0 Agawam loss.

His performance that day got him into the Reds tryout camp, courtesy of Reds scout John Walsh, who works out of Windsor, Connecticut. "He talked to my dad and asked if he'd mind having me show up. There was no question that I would be there. It was a great opportunity," St. Jean smiled.

Kimball, an excellent all-around athlete who was part of the Western Mass. schoolboy All-Star squad at Fenway Park three weeks ago, has been watched throughout his high school career by many scouts — so it was no surprise to see him there.

Schubach is a different story. He will be given a good look by the varsity next season. As a

member of the junior varsity last year, he didn't play at all.

"It was my grades. There weren't good enough, so I had to sit out the season," Schubach admitted. He'd better lift them up the next time, because he was impressive when he got his chance at the tryout. Actually, all three of them showed well.

Each Faced Six Batters...

As far as the pitchers went, each got to throw to six batters. St. Jean struck out two, got three to ground out, and gave up a bloop single to the last kid he faced. Schubach whiffed three of the six and got the other three on a fly to rightfield and two ground outs.

Kimball, playing left, had a nice, line single to left-center and scored a run. It was interesting because Kimball got the solid hit off Holyoke's Pat Dowling, who has a nasty curveball and shut Agawam down, 6-0, during the high school season.

The camp lasted from 8:30 in the morning to 1:30 in the afternoon. The scouts took time to look closely at each kid. They explained the mechanics of pitching and hitting, and took a good look at the pitchers as they warmed up to study their control and the number of different pitches they had in their repertoire.

Of course, the Juggs guns were out. St. Jean's velocity was in the 83- to 85-mile range. Schubach was between 78 and 83. They also looked for speed both offensively and defensively, plus arm strength both in the infield and outfield.

Reds scout John Walsh was pragmatic about the whole thing, since he has seen thousands of kids going for the dream. "A few of them might make it. Most will realize that they won't," he smiled, adding, "You never know where you'll find the next star. That's why tryout camps like this one are so important and so enjoyable."

One thing he did stress was that the kids (ranging from 15 to 25 years of age) who did impress, will be watched closely as time goes by.

SZOT PARK - from Page 38...

St. Jean. St. Jean got the side on a strikeout, a fielder's choice, and a 4-3 groundout.

By then, Chicopee pitcher Dana Sherkow was in the zone. He threw a complete game. There would be no more scoring for Agawam. Sherkow's team let him do some good work for the win.

At presstime, Agawam's record stands at 3-8-1. **AGAWAM STATS:** Martin, 0-4; Stirlacci, 0-1, 1 sb, 1 rs; Collins, 1-2 (2b); Carney, 1-3, 1 rbi; Kimball, 1-2, 1 sb, 1 rs; Barker, 0-3; Renna, 0-3, 1 rbi; B. St. Jean, 0-3; Cornwell, 2-2; Federico, 0-1; King, 0-2; Mantolesky, 0-1.

PITCHING: Martin, 4 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 1 SO, 9.33 ERA; White, 1-plus IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO, 0.00 ERA; St. Jean, 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 SO, 0.00 ERA.

"BOUNCES BACK" - from Page 39...

Kimball came home and Agawam had the win, raising its record to 3-8-1.

Sawyer was all smiles after it was over: "We seem to get up for the tough teams. We handed Amherst its first loss earlier in the season and took care of Palmer in this one. I wish we could stay focused like that for everyone we play."

AGAWAM STATS: Carney, 1-3, 1 rs; Collins, 0-3; Coalley, 1-1, 1 rs; St. Jean, 0-2, 2 rs; Kimball, 2-3 (3b, 2b), 3 rbi, 2 rs; Barker, 1-3, 1 rbi; Stirlacci, 1-3, 1 rbi; Cornwell, 1-4, 1 rbi; Renna, 0-1; Martin, 1-2; Mantolesky, 0-3.

PITCHING: Collins, 5 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 2 SO, 4.20 ERA; Coalley, 1 1/3 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 SO, 0.00 ERA; St. Jean (wp), 2/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO, 0.00 ERA.

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Some Summer Fishing Information...

Now that the long weekend is over and everyone can get back to work and get some rest, there is some interesting summer fishing information to pass along.

JIGS — SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE

If I was given just one lure to use and my survival depended on it, I would use a simple jig. Once you have mastered the subtle art of jig fishing, there is no doubt that it will catch more fish under a variety of conditions than any other lure.

Crankbaits and spinnerbaits, along with plastic worms, can be deadly under the right conditions, but they are all somewhat of a specialty lure. The simple lead head and twister tail grub, on the other hand, will catch almost anything that swims and feeds on live food.

Jigs come in all sizes and styles. They range from the simple lead head and grub combination mentioned above, to elaborately dressed creations tied with hair, feathers, or living rubber. Bass fishermen often add a pork rind trailer to the jig to add action and bulk to the offering. It also gives the bass something meaty to hold on to and extends the time a fisherman has to set the hook.

Successful jig fishing involves more than simply tossing a jig into the water and praying that something grabs hold of it. Fishing a jig involves the greatest amount of concentration and line watching of any technique.

A jig can be best utilized when fishing drop-offs and the outer edge of deeper weedlines. As the jig is hopped down the slope of a drop-off, the angler must be aware of what is happening at the business end of his line. A lifting of the rod will bring the jig forward, and the lowering of the rod will allow it to fall into deeper water.

The point of the retrieve that is most important is that instant when the jig is falling into the deeper water. Most often a fish will hit the jig when it is falling. This can be the most difficult time to detect a subtle strike. When the fish are in an aggressive mood, there will be no doubt as to the fact that a fish has taken the lure.

Fish that are not in an aggressive mood may simply inhale the snack-sized offering in a casual and somewhat indifferent manner. This is when the eye-straining "art" of line watching comes into play. How many times have we all watched one fellow consistently hook up while everyone else goes fishless? The answer is probably "too often."

As a jig or flutter spoon falls toward the bottom, a fish rising to "mouth" the offering may go totally unnoticed because there is no tug on the line. The lure is going down and the fish is coming up to take it. There is not only no "tug" on the line, there is a sudden but subtle slackening of the line.

Remember, when fishing a jig, when the line goes slack, either the lure has hit bottom or something (hopefully a fish) has stopped its downward fall. An experienced jig fisherman can develop an extra awareness of such subtle changes, and will set the hook if he detects a premature slackening of the line.

The new generation of "super lines," such as Spider Wire or Berkley's new Fire Line, have virtually no stretch and offer extreme "feel" sensitivity to the fisherman. My personal favorite for jig fishing is the new Fire Line from Berkley. You can literally feel the jig or plastic worm crawl over pebbles.

The new lines are a great advantage over "stretch prone" monofilament lines. This is an aid to the jig fisherman, but is no substitute for line watching. When I refer to "line watching," I am referring to the practice of focusing your attention to the point where the line enters the water. As the jig drifts downward into deeper water, the line will slice through the water towards you. Any discernible interruption in the progress of the lure's fall will be visually apparent at the point where the line meets the water.

Movement to the side or a subtle twitch in the line will be noticed before you could feel it through the rod. When in doubt, set the hook. Focusing your vision on the point of contact where the line enters the water can necessitate a good pair of polarized sunglasses. Bright light and a long day of fishing can give you enough eye strain to bring on a real headache, so remember to wear something to reduce the glare on the water.

Fresh water anglers are not alone in their use of jigs. Salt water anglers have been using jigs of several types for years. Diamond jigs and "Norwegian" style jigs have been the stock and

trade of deep water cod fishermen for a long time. Some of these jigs can weigh as much as 24 ounces or more. They are used for vertical jigging, with effective results.

Next week, we will take a look at some of the salt water techniques for jigging. We will cover deep water vertical jigging as well as fluke jigs and trolling parachute jigs on wire.

Have a safe and productive week. Remember, if you are not going to eat that fish or have it mounted by a taxidermist, release it to fulfill nature's destiny and provide angling thrills for the future.

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Area lakes and ponds are producing bass and pickerel along with other warm water pan fish. Trout action has definitely moved to the deeper water. Trolling with downriggers or lead core continues to be the most productive method. Anglers report that trout are holding just above the thermocline. A good fish finder is a real asset in determining the proper trolling depth.

Valley streams are presenting a challenge to anglers. Wildly fluctuating water levels have con-

fused both the fish and the fishermen. A return to normal water levels should stabilize the fishing conditions.

The Connecticut River, as of this writing, is receding from near-flood stage. The markers on the South End Bridge showed the water above the five-foot mark and dropping. Usually the river is below the zero mark at this time of the year.

SALT WATER

Night fishing for stripers continues to produce great results with live eels. This week, two night trips to Fisher's Island Sound produced some real nice fish! The cover of darkness seemed to have a greater influence than the tides, as we have caught some jumbo-sized fish at both high and low tide.

Party boats are beginning their porgy trips as well as fluke outings on half-day outings.

Blues are showing at Plum Gut and the Race, but stripers are the predominant fish being taken. Some blues are invading the area around the mouth of the Connecticut River at first light and again in the evening, but for larger fish, the Race is the best bet.

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THE AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' LACROSSE TEAM celebrated its outstanding 1998 spring season at its Annual Banquet held last month at Shaker Farms Country Club. From left are graduating seniors Sara Drenzek, Lindy Gage, Jill Demarco, Cheryl Lanier, and Alison Pratt. IN PHOTO RIGHT - varsity Coach Cindy Grieve, senior co-captains Lindy Gage and Sara Drenzek, and Assistant Coach Ellen McCarthy. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Fitness First Planning Vicki Sleeper Golf Tourney

On Saturday, July 25th, Fitness First will hold its sixth Annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

The tournament is in memory of Fitness First's former Aquatic Director, Vicki Sleeper, who died as a victim of domestic violence in 1992. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the

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The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of play, one cart per twosome, lunch, steak dinner, golf balls, tees, and a raffle ticket. Hole and tee sponsors are \$50 each and include

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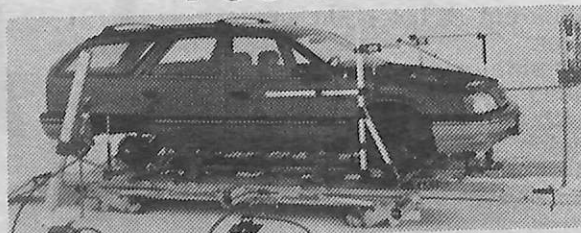
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Agawam Piranhas Open Summer Season

The Agawam Piranhas held their first meet of the summer season on June 23, 1998. The team, with a roster of 46 swimmers headed by coach Kim Scofield and assistant coach Ian Lane, lost against the Chicopee team, 466-175, at Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

The Piranhas would like to thank both Berkshire Power and Riverside Park for their generous support of the team this season.

The results from June 23rd included:

Girls 8 & under:

Kathryn Moore, second in 25-yard freestyle; Taryn Dooley, first in 25-yard butterfly and first in 50-yard freestyle; Sarah Torrey, third in 25-yard backstroke; Taryn Dooley, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

The team of Sarah Torrey, Mary Malone, Kathryn Malone, and Taryn Dooley placed third in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 8 & under:

Kevin Sanders, third in 25-yard freestyle, first in 50-yard freestyle, and third in 25-yard backstroke.

Girls 9-10:

Brittany Gutowski, third in 100-yard individual medley and third in 100-yard freestyle; Allison Nyman, second in 50-yard backstroke.

The team of Carlee Bouthiller, Brittany Gutowski, Caitlin Hurley, and Allison Nyman plac-

ed third in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 9-10:

Jeffrey Lagasse, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Girls 11-12:

Julia Weisgerber, second in 200-yard freestyle, third in 50-yard freestyle, and third in 100-yard freestyle; Kaitlin Bond, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 11-12:

Kyle Henry, first in 200-yard freestyle; Connor Dooley, second, and Kyle Henry, third in 50-yard freestyle; Matthew Gendron, second, and Connor Dooley, third in 100-yard freestyle; Connor Dooley, second in 50-yard backstroke; Kyle Henry, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14:

The team of Kimberly Chmura, Allison Morris, Lindsay Carey, and Brittany Theriaque placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Daveen Macsata, third in 200-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, second in 200-yard individual medley; Daveen Macsata, third in 50-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, second, and Allison Morris, third in 100-yard butterfly; Lindsay Carey, third in 100-yard freestyle; Brittany Theriaque, third in 100-yard backstroke; Lindsay Carey, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Daveen Macsata, Allison Morris,

Brittany Theriaque, and Kimberly Chmura placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 13-14:

Daniel Adamski, first, and Michael Follis, third in 200-yard freestyle; Kyle Sullivan, second in 200-yard individual medley; Paul Lagasse, second in 50-yard freestyle; Kyle Sullivan, first, and Daniel Adamski, second in 100-yard butterfly; Daniel Adamski, first, and Paul Lagasse, second in 100-yard freestyle; Kyle Sullivan, first, and Paul Lagasse, second in 100-yard backstroke.

The team of Paul Lagasse, Michael Follis, Kyle Sullivan, and Daniel Adamski placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Girls 15-18:

Shannon Costa, first, and Rachel Morris, third in 200-yard freestyle; Rachel Morris, second, and Kaitlin Morris, third in 50-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first in 100-yard butterfly; Kaitlin Morris, second in 100-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first, and Rachel Morris, second in 100-yard backstroke; Kaitlin Morris, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 15-18:

Charlie Roberts, first in 200-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, second in 200-yard individual medley and first in 50-yard freestyle; Charlie Roberts, first, and Nathan Adamski, third in 100-yard backstroke.

Agawam Soccer Association Offering Large Menu Of Events For Summer Of 1998

The Agawam Soccer Association is proud to be the sponsor of several soccer-related activities this summer, including coaches' clinics, summer camps, and professional soccer games at discount prices.

COACHING CLINICS

Three clinics will be offered for coaches this summer.

On July 21st and 23rd, the Challenge Soccer program featuring British coaches with "A" licenses will be hosting a coaches' clinic at Phelps at 6:30 p.m. for approximately 1½ hours each night. All Agawam Soccer Association coaches (In-Town and Pioneer Valley) are invited to attend free of charge. The British coaches will present coaching tips and drills for use with your teams. Please call Mike Fournier at 786-3435 for further information.

On August 29th at 10:00 a.m., the Agawam Soccer Association has arranged for the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) to conduct a coaching clinic specifically directed at U8 players and coaches. The location will be announced at a later date, and additional information can be obtained from Dave Shaw at 786-0899. Any area coach is invited to attend.

SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

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The Agawam Soccer Association would also like to remind anyone interested in a real world class soccer camp to be held by Challenge Soccer (a contingent of all English - that's right, direct from ENGLAND - coaches) at the Phelps School in Agawam.

The European flavor for the game and the drills and skills training will be a hit with kids who attend. All day camps, half-day camps, and mini two-hours camps will be offered. These camps will be offered from July 20th to July 24th and cost \$67 for the two-hour camp, \$86 for the half-day, and \$129 for the full day. Balls and "T" shirts are provided to the campers.

This is an ideal way for your children to experience soccer from a European viewpoint. If you are interested, please call Mike Fournier at 786-3435 for an application. Applications will be taken up to the day camp starts.

A Hometown Flavor

The Agawam Soccer School, run by local soccer coaches, is running a camp from August 3rd to August 7th from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for children in grades one through six.

The cost is \$40 and applications can be obtained from Pat Tierney at 789-1239. This camp will be held at Phelps School.

The PIONEERS

The Agawam Soccer Association continues to bring Agawam residents the best in soccer enjoyment. As you may already know, Western Massachusetts has its very own Professional Soccer team — the PIONEERS.

The Agawam Soccer Association has arranged for deep discounts in PIONEER tickets on July 17th, which will be designated "Agawam Night" by the PIONEERS. Tickets regularly \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids will be reduced to ONLY \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids. Children under five will be admitted FREE.

Agawam players are encouraged to wear their official Agawam jerseys to the game, and the team selling the most PIONEERS tickets will be invited to a Shootout during halftime on the PIONEERS field. The PIONEERS will be playing the talented VERMONT team at Lusitano Stadium, which is located at 400 Winsor Street in Ludlow.

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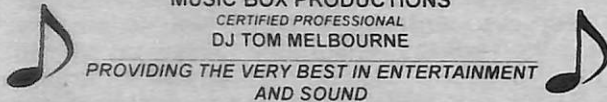
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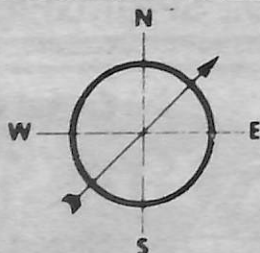
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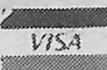


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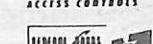
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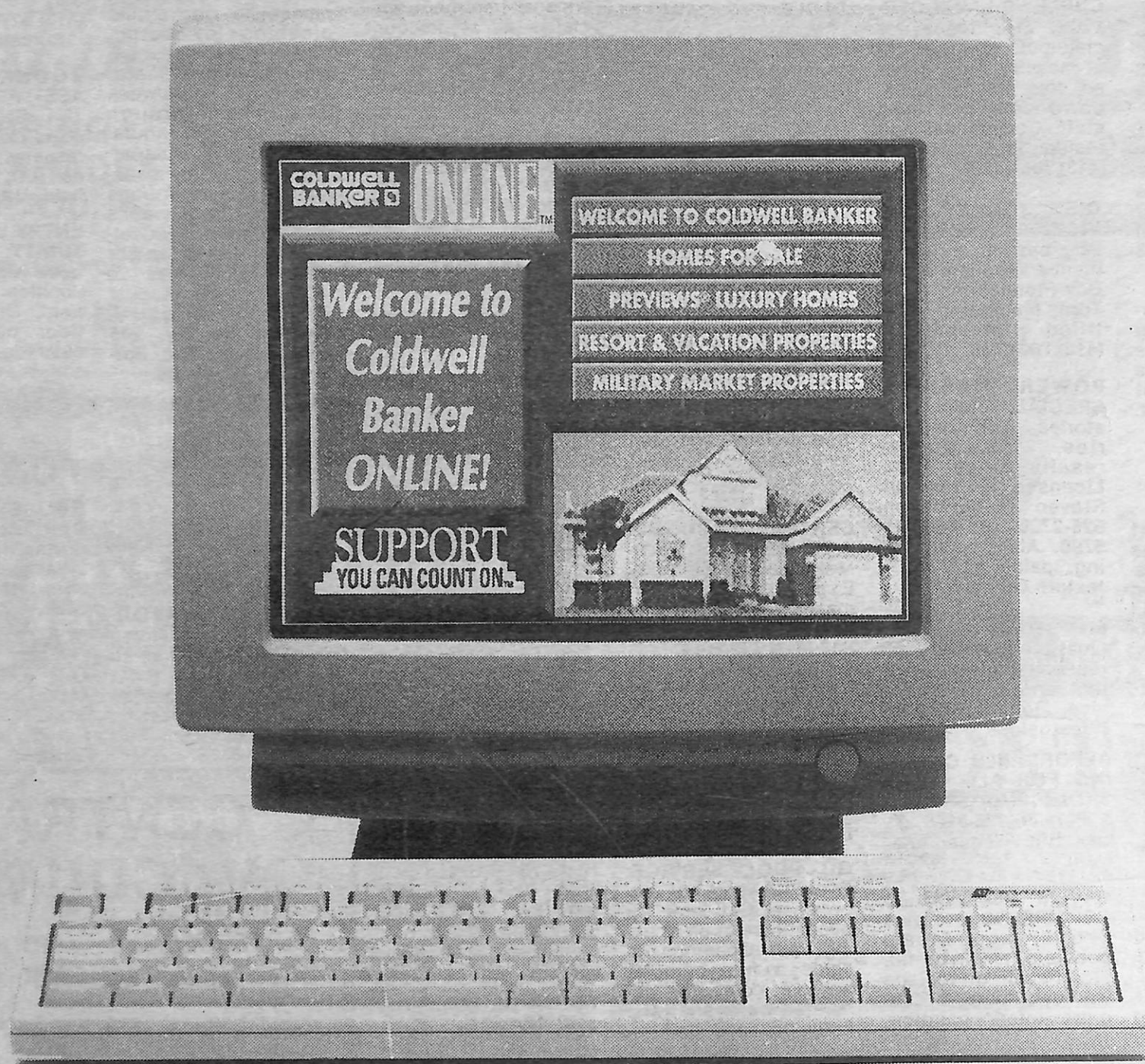
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